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Professor Shelly Haley goes to Washington

by Stephanie Valle '05
NEWS WRITER

Hamilton Professor of Classics Shelly Haley spent the week away from the Hill after being named a Distinguished Visiting Scholar at Washington University in St. Louis.

In St. Louis from November 2 - 8, Haley spent her time doing a variety of things at Washington University to bring her extensive knowledge to the students and faculty there. Her visit is one of many in an ongoing series of lecturers brought to the Washington campus under the auspices of the Distinguished Visiting Scholars Program.

The program was started three years ago by the Chancellor of Washington University in an effort to invite distinguished American minority scholars to the campus for a period of time in an effort to the number of perspectives heard on campus as well as increase the representation of minorities on campus.

"We were concerned with increasing the diversity of the

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Hamilton Professor of Classics Shelly Haley.

Burke presents new student-named card catalog, "Alex"

by Ian Mandel '06
NEWS WRITER

On Friday, November 1, Burke Library announced the results of the "Name the New Library Catalog Contest."

The library catalogue is the online system that allows students to search for books and journals owned by the library.

"The catalog will tell you what we have, where it is, and what the call number is. In addition, the catalog contains thousands of links to electronic information, such as journals and databases," Couper Librarian Randall Ericson said.

The catalog enables students and faculty to conduct research more easily by providing access to thousands of resources at the click of the mouse.

The naming of library catalogs is a common practice.

"We thought it would be fun to have a contest, generate some interest in the new catalog, and give us a neat handle to refer to the catalog in our instructional efforts," Ericson commented.

The contest was open to all currently enrolled Hamilton students, many of whom responded to the multiple all-campus emails by filling out an entry form.

"I was very pleased with the participation of the students. There were 208 students who submitted 368 entries," Ericson said.

Many of the suggestions submitted to the library were reflective of Hamilton, the school, and the man whose name it bears. Suggestions ranged from Publius, the pseudonym Alexander Hamilton often used

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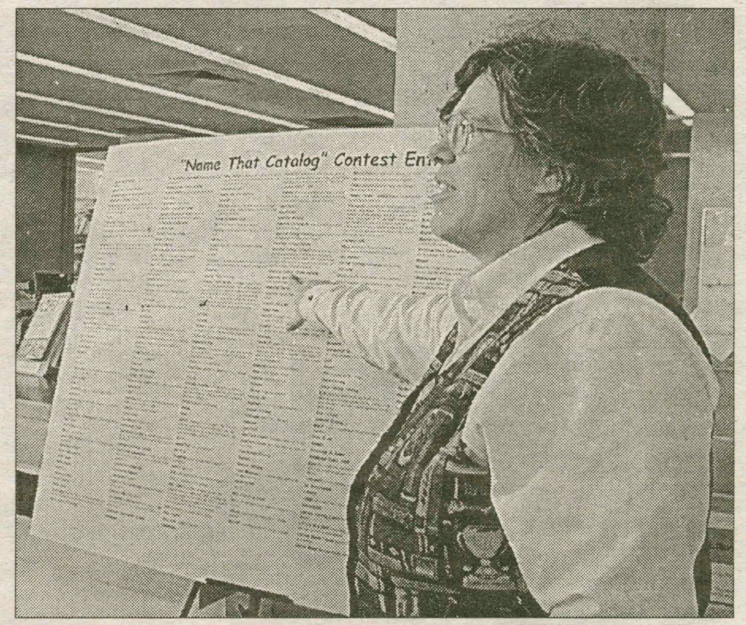

PHOTO BY ANNA GRITTEN '03

During the "Name the Library Catalog" contest, 208 students submitted 368 suggestions for names. After nine finalist names were selected, "Alex" was chosen as the final name.

HPEP assesses eating disorders

by Erin Weaver '05
NEWS WRITER

On Tuesday, November 5, Hamilton Peers Educating Peers and the Health Center sponsored the 3rd annual Panel Discussion on College Eating Habits in response to the growing importance of this issue.

According to HPEP member Amanda Waite '03, "There are numerous issues affecting the Hamilton community, and eating/exercise disorders is one we see coming up time and again." Waite further explained, "We (HPEP) understand the difficulties in reaching out to people about eating habits and the unwillingness of many of those who actually need it to participate in events. We have, however, found the panel format to be an effective tool for getting information out to students, staff, coaches, etc. and for stimulating active discussion about the topic."

This year, five individuals comprised the panel: Terry King (a nutritionist at Colgate), Chris Barnes (director of Hamilton's Health Services), Brenda Marris (a counselor from the Hamilton Counseling Center), and two Hamilton students.

Elizabeth Butler '04 was the first panelist to speak; she was also the first female Hamilton student ever to serve on the discussion panel.

Butler spoke bravely about her personal battle with an eating disorder. Butler felt that eating disorders are: "the most un-talked about subject at Hamilton." Butler candidly described how her perfectionist tendencies evolved into a private battle for control over her weight. She also described her road to recovery, which began when Butler's friends called her parents, as well as Butler's realization of her problem.

Now Butler is healthy and comfortable with her weight, remarking, "No one, not even Barbie, should be able to fit into size 0 jeans."

Brenda Marris spoke next, listing the many resources available at the Hamilton Counseling Center to those who have eating disorders themselves or know somebody who does. Marris described the methods Hamilton offers to those students suffering from eating disorders, noting, "There are ways to treat yourself carefully."

Chris Barnes also spoke about the Health Center's available resources, but the bulk of her presentation focused on the numerous health problems caused by nutritional neglect as a result of anorexia and/or bulimia. On the subject of eating disorders, Barnes remarked, "People die from this...but people do get better."

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CultureFest to heat up weekend

by Kat Lexa '05
NEWS WRITER

It's that time of year again. Snow blankets the ground in the morning, buildings are overheated and the outdoors are severely under-heated. To cheer everyone up, multicultural groups at Hamilton College have come together for a celebration of diversity.

CultureFest will run from Friday evening to Saturday night this weekend. A Poetry Slam is the first event; it is scheduled to start at nine o'clock in the Events Barn. The event will be catered by Bon Appetit, so plan on a spread of coffee, hot chocolate, cookies, and cider. Following the readings, LaVanguardia is hosting a "Latin Night" after-party.

Hamilton's Asian Cultural Society is sponsoring the Diwali festival of lights in the Annex on Saturday night. Diwali is a traditional Indian festival and signifies the renewal of life, marking the beginning of winter and the sowing season.

During the festival, Finesse, Hip-Hop Explosion, Tropical Sol, and a number of other independent performers will display their cultural heritage. In addition to the performances of multicultural groups on campus, Hamilton "hopes to have Sojourner's Gospel Choir and a dance group called Legacy from Colgate," said Marc David, assistant dean of students for

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College reports missing computer parts

by Laurie Northrup '03
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

Early last week, an unknown person gained access to six computers in Technology Enhanced Classrooms on the north side of campus, removing components from the machines. The computers, which were located in locked cabinets in classrooms in Root Hall, Christian A. Johnson Hall, the Science Building, and Couper Hall, were opened from the front so that the key permitting access to the back of the machine would not be needed.

According to Classroom Technology Support Specialist Luis Luna, who is in charge of the lecterns, DVD-ROM drives, hard drives, memory, and video cards were removed from two

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PHOTO BY LAURIE NORTHRUP '03

Two of last week's damaged computers.

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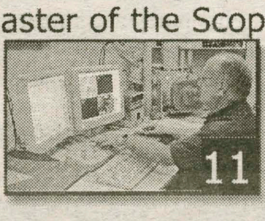

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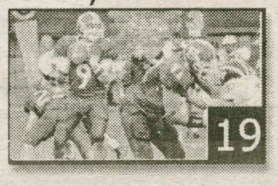

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Erdogan, Justice and Development Party win Turkish Parliament

New party opposes possible U.S. strike on Iraq, fears economic consequences

by Mithat Yaltir '03
NEWS WRITER

Recep Tayyip Erdogan, the leader of the winning party in the parliament, opposes a strike on Iraq by the U.S.

"We do not want war, blood, tears, and dead in our region," he said.

AP

Justice and Development Party leader Recep Tayyip Erdogan, winner of Turkish elections, smiles in front of a portrait of Ataturk, the founder of modern Turkey.

The result of the elections is bad news for Washington as the US government struggles to convince its allies to provide support for the war against Iraq. Erdogan added that Turkey could support a potential military campaign only if the strike is approved by UN resolutions.

Turkey was a loyal ally of the U.S. during the Cold War and continues to hold a key position in planning an attack against Iraq because it possesses airbases, which are extremely suitable for air strikes and logistics. Turkey, as the sole Muslim democracy, sets a counterexample to the claim that democracy is against Islam.

Earlier Chief of General Staff General Hilmi Ozkok pointed to the fact that the Turkish military is against an attack on Iraq. Turkey's state-run Anatolian news agency quoted Ozkok: "Of course we have anxieties. I can only express our national policy on Iraq, that this business be resolved without a war."

However, Ozkok is optimistic that there is room for reaching a consensus. "Quite naturally there are differences in our perspectives. This is nothing to be afraid of. In time they can be resolved," Ozkok said.

The majority of Turks are concerned with the negative impact a new military campaign against Iraq will have on an already fragile economy. Many people fear a collapse of Saddam's regime which will lead Iraq to break apart, causinga longer civil war and bringing unrest to the region for a very long time.

The latest parliamentary election in Turkey took place on November 3rd, 2002. The Justice and Development party, under the leadership of Erdogan, won complete control of the parliament with a landslide victory.

Although the party only received 35% of the vote, it managed to secure enough seats in the parliament for a single party government for the first time in the past 15 years. The only other party to pass the 10% vote threshold was The Republican People's Party. Turkish Parliament consists of 550 seats.

As of now, the Justice and Devepment Party has over 360 seats, and the Republican Peoples' Party holds the rest.

The last prime minister, Bulent Ecevit, got a little over 1% of the vote, leading to his humiliating defeat. Leaders of other parties who played important roles in previous governments decided to step down.

The Justice and Development Party has Islamic roots, which raised rumors about Turkey giving up on European Union (EU) membership and relationships with the U.S.

However, Erdogan assured the public that the U.S. would stay as a "natural ally" to Turkey, and his party is determined to pursue EU membership, which Turkey has been working on for decades. Some portrayed the Justice and Development party as a threat to Turkey's secular regime.

However, Erdogan vowed to refrain from interfering with the lifestyles of the citizens. "Secularism is the protector of all beliefs and religions," he said.

These assurances by Erdogan relaxed the public at least temporarily. The stock market went up, and interest rates fell. Despite optimism, only time will tell if Erdogan and his party are sincere about these assurances.

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HCEMS plans activities for National EMS Appreciation Week

by Kathleen McGrory '05
NEWS EDITOR

Don't be surprised to see a strong showing of Hamilton EMTs on campus from November 11th through the 17th. On those days the HCEMS crew will participate in National Collegiate Emergency Medical Services Appreciation Week, a program designed to increase visibility of EMTs on college campuses nationwide.

"This week will bring more awareness to the EMTs on campus and will really get people excited about joining our team," said Gabby Soto '05. Soto is a member of the team that is coordinating National EMT Week on the Hill.

The Hamilton group will kick off the nationally recognized week by holding a fundraiser on November 7th, 11th, and 13th. In Beinecke, they will be selling Tender Love and Care packages, nicknamed TLC packages, complete with Band-Aids, candy, and EMS stickers. Profits from this fundraiser will be donated to charity.

In addition to selling TLC packages, the EMTs will be handing out orange ribbons for students to wear in support of the EMT staff and the services that they provide. They also plan to distribute "Frequently Asked Question" and "Do and Don't" sheets to better educate the public as to when it is appropriate to call an EMT.

On November 13 the EMT staff will head to the Root Day Care Center to hand out goody bags, equipped with crayons and coloring books of police, firefighters, and EMTs. These goody bags will also include a first aid guide for the children to bring home to their parents.

While at the Child Care Center, the EMTs also hope to play with the kids to make the children comfortable with them.

"The Child Care Center is part of our district. We want the children to be familiar and comfortable with the EMTs and not be worried about what is going to happen. This is why when we go to talk to the kids, we're going to show off our equipment and hand out goody-bags," explained EMT Audelyn Budihardjo '03.

"We really hope to promote to little kids that it is OK to call 911 or emergency medical services," added Steve Larson '03, the HCEMS equipment manager. "It will help to build a good relationship with the children, and with the town."

Following their visit to the Child Care Center, the group will visit Physical Plant in order to hold a free blood pressure testing.

"Part of the reason that we are going to Physical Plant is to provide a service to the school. A lot of people like to get their blood pressure taken. It's just one of the things we can do to help out the greater community," said Budihardjo.

"We're trying to reach out to every part of campus. Not everyone goes out to Physical Plant or to the Child Care Center," added Soto. "We're trying to incorporate these two places into the campus community," said Budihardjo.

In addition to community outreach, the EMTs really hope to make the campus more conscious of their organization and the services it provides for the community.

"We really hope to make people more aware of our presence on campus. Being an EMT is a lot more than carrying an orange bag. It is 100 hours of classes. It is weekly tests and quizzes. It is 24 hours of on-call time each week," explained Larson.

"I sometimes feel that people take us for-granted," Larson continued. "We don't get paid. This isn't something that we do for the money. This is something that we do for ourselves and for the community."

"I'm looking forward to the entire week," said Soto. "We're really making a big effort to show people that we do more than handle drunk calls. We want to let the campus know that we're here, and that we're here for you," she added.

All students, faculty, and staff are encouraged to attend the

First Annual Clinton Community Fall Fest

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Saturday, November 16th
3-5p.m.

An afternoon of food and student entertainment on the Clinton town quad.

IVORY TOWERS

THE NEWS AT COLLEGES ACROSS THE LAND

Compiled by Chris Takacs '05

Yale, Stanford to Change Admissions

NEW HAVEN, Conn. (AP) - Two collegiate powerhouses, Yale and Stanford, have decided to take some of the stress out of the admissions process by ending their binding early decision programs.

Starting next fall, students will be able to apply early but won't be forced to attend if they get in.

The presidents of both universities hope their switch to nonbinding "early action" policies will prompt other top colleges to end their binding early decision programs, which have been criticized for putting too much pressure on high school students.

"This new policy offers those who have set their hearts on attending Stanford the opportunity to apply early in their senior year, without the additional pressure of having to commit before they are ready," President John Hennessy said in a statement Wednesday.

Binding early decision policies are especially difficult for students who need financial aid, because they cannot weigh aid offers from competing schools.

Yale and Stanford's new policies, however, won't allow early applicants to apply for other nonbinding programs - unlike Harvard, which does. Harvard also does not require students who apply early to attend if they are accepted.

Yale President Richard Levin acknowledged that the change may cost the Ivy League school up to 20 percent of its top applicants.

"Our final thinking was that it would be unfortunate, but the value of making the change outweighs the concern," Levin said. "Early decision programs help colleges more than applicants."

Early decision started at most elite colleges to allow top students to win admission to their first choice without having to go through the longer admissions process. Students apply in the fall, instead of in the spring.

It's not clear what effect the changes at Yale and Stanford will have on other top colleges.

Brown, which reluctantly started offering early decision last year, is considering whether to alter its policy, university admissions officials have said.

Princeton has no plans to change its binding early admissions program, spokeswoman Lauren Robinson-Brown said.

Freshman Bowling Green soccer player collapses, dies

(U-WIRE) BOWLING GREEN, Ohio — Leslie Ann Dawley, a Bowling Green freshman soccer player collapsed five minutes into Tuesday's Mid-American Conference Tournament quarterfinal match against Buffalo. She was a midfielder/forward for the team and was away from the action when she fell to the field. She received immediate medical attention before being transported to the Wood County Hospital, where she was later pronounced dead.

Dawley, 18, was from Westerville, Ohio, and planned to major in business at the University.

Stopped with 39:41 remaining in the first half, the game against Buffalo has been rescheduled at the request of the family for 11 a.m. Wednesday morning.

"In light of today's tragic events, the game of soccer pales into insignificance," coach Andy Richards said. "However, with the wishes of the Dawley family and the women's soccer program, we will honor the memory of Leslie Dawley by playing against Buffalo.

"Soccer is what brought Leslie to Bowling Green and, as hard as it is going to be to play that game, it is fitting to remember Leslie in the game she loves."

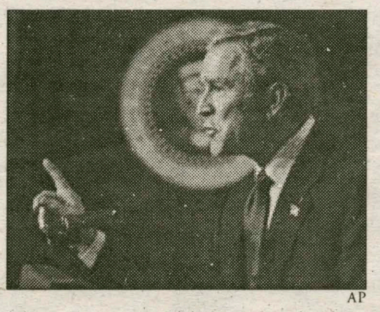
Leslie came to the University after spending three years on Thomas Worthington High School's varsity soccer team. In her senior year, the Cardinals won the Ohio Capital Conference where she had 14 goals and three assists. She earned All-OCC First-Team and All-Ohio Second-Team honors during her senior season, as well.

WORLD NEWS

Compiled by Chris Takacs '05

U.S., France Agree on Iraq Draft

UNITED NATIONS (AP) - The United States and France reached agreement Thursday on a new Security Council resolution on Iraq, removing a key hurdle toward passage of the U.S.-drafted plan for tough new weapons inspections.



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French diplomats said the compromise was reached through negotiations at the United Nations and in telephone calls between President Bush and French President Jacques Chirac over the last day.

According to French diplomats, the United States agreed to change wording in a key provision that would declare Iraq in "material breach" of its U.N. obligations. The change addresses French and Russian concerns that the original wording could be used as a hidden trigger for an attack on Saddam Hussein's Iraq.

Russia, like France, appeared also to be softening its position in favor of the American draft.

Suspect Admits Role in Bali Bombing

JAKARTA, Indonesia (AP) - In the first major break in the inquiry into the Bali nightclub bombings, Indonesia's police chief said Thursday that a suspect in custody has admitted to taking part in the attack that killed nearly 200 people.

Police said they were looking into possible connections between the suspect and a regional terror group with links to al-Qaida.

The announcement came as President Megawati Sukarnoputri submitted a draft bill to parliament intended to replace an emergency anti-terrorist decree issued immediately after the Oct. 12 attack.

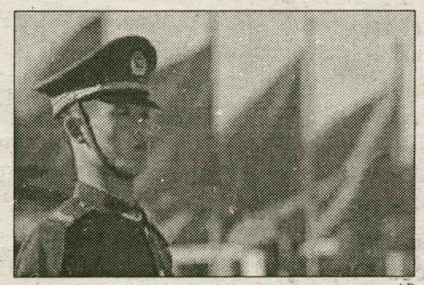
In another sign that her administration - criticized for its lenient treatment of Islamic militants - is getting tough with extremists, a notorious gang of religious vigilantes unexpectedly announced Thursday that it would disband.

The developments appeared to signal that the investigation was gaining momentum and offered hope the world's largest Muslim nation is making headway in its fight against terrorism.

China Communists Pledge to Modernize

BEIJING (AP) - Preparing for a landmark congress that is expected to install a new generation of leaders, China's communist party pledged Thursday to modernize its ideology to keep pace with a fast-changing, increasingly capitalist society.

"China has entered into a new phase of development, in which we are to build a well-to-do society," said Ji Bingxuan, spokesman for the party's 16th National Congress, which opens Friday in Beijing's Great Hall of the People.



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In keeping with the secrecy surrounding the event, Ji gave no details of the personnel changes planned at the congress, where President Jiang Zemin, 76, is expected to hand over the title of party leader to his 59-year-old vice president, Hu Jintao.

But Ji indicated that a key theme would be Jiang's personal campaign - known awkwardly as the "Three Represents" - to bring entrepreneurs into the party and to amend its constitution to give them a formal role.

"We will ... comprehensively implement the important thought of 'Three Represents,'" Ji said at a news conference.

NATIONAL NEWS

Compiled by Chris Takacs '05

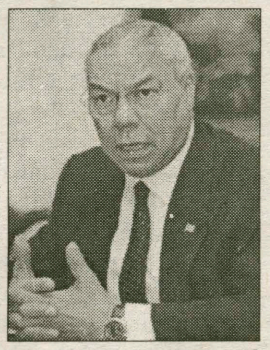
Homeland Sec. Dept. Tops Bush List

WASHINGTON (AP) - President Bush, outlining a legislative agenda after his party captured both the House and the Senate in midterm elections, said Thursday his top priority was his stalled proposal to create a new Department of Homeland Security. He said he wanted it this year.

The president also said that Vice President Dick Cheney would be his running mate should he decide to seek a second term in 2004. "There's no reason for me to change," he said.

In his first public appearance since the GOP sweep, Bush said, "The election may be over, but the terrorist threat is still real."

Bush said the election outcome showed that "people want something done." Instead of waiting until the new session of Congress in January, Bush said lawmakers should take up the homeland security bill in the postelection "lame duck" session that begins next week.



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"I want it done. It is a priority," Bush said.

Just a day earlier, Senate Republican leader Trent Lott said Congress probably wouldn't finish the homeland security bill until the new session next year.

Sniper Suspects to Be Tried in Va.

WASHINGTON (AP) - Washington-area sniper suspects John Allen Muhammad and John Lee Malvo will be tried first in Virginia, where both could face the death penalty for "brutal, random acts of murder," Attorney General John Ashcroft said Thursday.

The decision, announced at a news conference with law enforcement officials from around the Washington region, means the federal government will at least temporarily defer prosecution of the suspects until after Virginia county prosecutors try them.

AP

Ashcroft said Muhammad, 41, was being turned over to authorities in Prince William County, Va., where Dean Harold Meyers was killed Oct. 9 while refueling his car. Malvo, 17, will stand trial first in neighboring Fairfax County, Va., where FBI analyst Linda Franklin, 47, was fatally shot while loading her car in a parking lot.

Bishops Pick Clergy Abuse Monitor

WASHINGTON (AP) - U.S. Roman Catholic bishops picked the FBI's top-ranking woman to head a new office charged with making sure American church leaders adhere to a recently enacted clerical sex abuse policy.

Kathleen McChesney will be named director of the Office for Child and Youth Protection, a critical post as the bishops try to re-establish their credibility after a year in which at least 300 of the 46,000 American priests have been removed because of allegations of sex abuse.

McChesney's appointment was to be announced by the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops at a Thursday afternoon news conference.

Justice Anne Burke, an Illinois appellate judge and vice chair of the National Review Board, said McChesney was chosen from a pool of more than 50 candidates.

"Kathleen rose to the top almost instantly," Burke said. "She's trained on how to be an impartial fact-finder and to present evidence and that was big."

McChesney will leave her FBI post as executive assistant director for law enforcement services. That job was created by FBI Director Robert Mueller following the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks to improve the relationship between federal and local law enforcement. McChesney took the job last Dec. 1.

Elections 2002: An in-depth breakdown

by Francesca Jenkins '03
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Fundraising: Overall records broken for a presidential off-year

The two major political parties "are on track to raise at least $500 million in largely unregulated donations from corporations, unions, and individual donators; all the "soft money" financing that will be banned after today. That will break the record set in the 2000 election, when both Congress and the White House were up for grabs (*Los Angeles Times*, 11/5).

The Efforts to Prevent Another Florida:

There were more than 400 federal observers and Justice Department attorneys monitoring polling places in 14 states, the largest federal Election Day effort since the civil rights era. (AP)

Hundreds of election observers were in Florida to monitor November 5th's voting to prevent a repeat of the disputed counts during the 2000 presidential election and the gubernatorial primary in September of this year. (*Boston Globe*)

Determined to get it right this time, Miami-Dade election officials pre-activated some voting machines the Monday night before, dispatched legions of newly trained poll workers, and urged South Floridians to test the system once again — by voting that day, according to the Miami Herald, hoping to produce a smoother election.

TV networks will expose their behind-the-scenes operations to the public, after dealing with much scrutiny after mistakenly calling the 2000 presidential election, according to the *New York Times*.

The House Race

Party	Total Control
Republican	227
Democrat	206
Independent	1

Regardless of your party preference, the results were historic; the GOP now controls both Chambers of Congress and the White House.

In an election that went against typical historical trends, Republicans expanded their advantage in the House and regained a majority in the Senate. Republicans attributed the results to President Bush's popularity, emphasizing that the party in the White House generally loses seats in midterm elections, especially the first term. Even Democrats who once underrated Bush gave him credit for transferring his popularity to Republican candidates seeking terms, including Democratic Party chairman, Terry McAuliffe. McAuliffe said that with the events of September 11, the war on terror, and the threat of war in Iraq, "put all that together with the president out there actively campaigning" added up to defeats for his Democrats. However, many Democratic leaders feel their party did not take advantage of the economic plight taken-over since this administration.

The new Senate is now comprised of 51 Republicans, 47 Democrats, and one independent. Democratic Louisiana Senator Mary Landrieu failed to receive more than 50 percent of the vote on Election Day, which is required by their state law, so in a December 7th run-off election, she will face Republican Suzanne Terrell. Republican control of the upper chamber is attributed to win most of the competitive races, including those in Colorado, Missouri, North Carolina and New Hampshire.

The Democratic Party did have some success expanding their numbers in statehouses around the country. They picked up Republican-held gubernatorial seats in Michigan, Illinois, Wisconsin, Pennsylvania, Kansas, and Tennessee, all with their respective important implications for 2004. However, their most devastating losses were felt in Congress, where the Democrats will seek new leadership. This is beginning in the House, where House Minority Leader Dick Gephardt plans to step down.

The Senate

51 needed for a majority, 34 seats up for election. U.S. Senators (2 from every state) serve a term of 6 years. Normal elections occur every even-numbered year and are scattered so at least one-third of Senators are up for re-election, always giving the opportunity for party control to change. Party control changed in: Arkansas, Georgia, Minnesota, and Missouri.

The Senate Race

Party	Not Up For Election	Gain/Loss	Total Control
Republican	29	2	51
Democrat	36	-2	45
Independent	1	0	1

There were several Senate races that were extremely difficult for the incumbent to retain their seat, as well as several open races. The state of Louisiana has not been decided yet, but regardless of the results, the Republican majority goes unchanged.

The House:

435 seats up for election; 218 needed for a majority. With representation divided in districts based on population, there are 435 members of Congress all up for elections every 2 years. The GOP held the majority previously with 224 Republican House members. They were expected to maintain their majority in the House. Party control changed in: FL-05, IN-02, MD-02, MD-08, MI-10, MN-02, NY-01,)H-03, OH-17, and TN-04

Governor:

35 races at stake, 5 are undecided. Undeclared: Georgia

The Race for Governor

Party	Not Up for Election	Total Control	Gain/Loss
Republican	4	24	-1
Democrat	10	25	4
Independent	0	0	0

The Day After...

The *Washington Post*, with the McCain-Feingold campaign finance law taking effect on November 6th, top Republican lobbyists and Democratic operatives used Election Day to put finishing touches on the "shadow" organizations designed to evade the intent of the law. The new committees have been created with full acknowledgment and advance clearance by the House and Senate leadership. All the party committees are trying to set up one or more special conditions for soft money, each operating under certain degrees of secrecy." The new committees tied to the Democratic Senate and House Committees will register with the Federal Election Committee on November 5th. The Leadership forum, the Republican group, has already registered with the IRS. Democrats are setting up groups to channel any large, controversial, and/or unregulated donations, while GOP strategists are creating groups that are not required to disclose the sources of money or how it is spent." Senator McCain has already vowed to "fight these activities in the courts, in Congress, wherever we have to." (*Washington Post*, 11/5).

The Republican Party is ready to go, while Democrats pause, taking a step back

After their incredible victory on November 5th, Republicans are already preparing to push their agenda of new tax cuts, market-based health care reforms, and appointments of conservative judges, while simultaneously dividing the demoralized Democratic leaders. The Republican-controlled Congress should have enough votes to approve President Bush's preferred version of the new Department of Homeland Security, as well as providing terrorism insurance to businesses, in what is expected to be a "lame duck" session next week, post-elections. In the long-term, Bush's proposals for new bankruptcy laws, welfare revisions, oil drilling in Alaska, and restrictions on lawsuits also will get a big boost from the GOP majority in the 108th Congress, all initiatives prevented in the 107th Congress. According to Senate Minority Leader Trent Lott, the American voters "are giving us an opportunity to show we can produce results for the people." Lott will return as majority leader, a position he held for the first six months of Bush's presidency when the Senate went to the Democrats. Particularly more conservatives will also resume the chairmanships of the key committees and set new agendas.

In addition to pursuing the President's agenda, Republicans are expected to take advantage of a Democratic Party. They are demoralized by its loss of key Senate seats in Georgia, Missouri, and Minnesota. They failed to eliminate certain vulnerable Republican candidates in Colorado and New Hampshire, while widening their minority in the House. An influential Democrat said on Wednesday that party members are "confused, stunned, dazed," and "hungry for change." It is time for Democrats to really examine the objectives and stances of their party at the national level, and GOP officials will look to urge several conservative Democrats, such as Senator Zell Miller and Representatives Ralph M. Hall and Bud Cramer, to switch parties in the 108th Congress, according to party officials. Post-Election Day was filled with rounds of recriminations and blame over what many officials described as a debacle. Democratic leaders said the outcome had left the party without distinct leadership and hindered hope of winning back the White House in two years.

Republicans are trying to convey a more circumspect outlook for the coming Congress that contrasts to the "Republican Revolution of 1994," when similar numbers were attained, but results were disastrous for the Party. White House and congressional Republicans discussed an agenda made up mostly of carryovers from the last two years, with few surprises. The White House spokesman Ari Fleischer listed the president's goals the day after control was won: pension protection, a Homeland Security Department with flexible workforce rules, federal help for charities of religious groups, changes in welfare rules, energy legislation including oil drilling in the Alaskan wilderness, a "patient's bill of rights" to govern health maintenance organizations, an expansion of community health centers to serve the uninsured, and a ban on human cloning. These issues are said to be unlikely to alienate moderate voters, key in deciding the 2004 presidential election, because in 1994, an overly-conservative agenda played into the Democrats' hands, helping secure President Clinton's 1996 re-election.

(Compiled from *The Washington Post* and *The New York Times*)

Editorial:

The goal of any liberal arts institution is to encourage its members to pursue a wide range of interests and become versed in a variety of disciplines. However, students are also pushed to complete requirements both for their majors and for the graduate institutions that they may wish to apply to upon graduation. With these two competing interests, many students focus on completing the requirements for their major before moving on to take classes in other areas of interest. Because of this pressure on students to fulfill these requirements, the college's decision to block upperclassmen from taking some lower-level courses is contradictory to the goals of a liberal arts college.

Many seniors finish their concentration requirements during their junior year in order to be prepared for a senior thesis project during their senior year. Finished with their required courses, these students begin to explore options they had to put on hold while trying to complete their other requirements. Often this means taking an introductory level class or a 200-level class in an area of interest; however, many find that they cannot be admitted to the classes. If students take the initiative to pursue a wider range of courses, even if it is late in their academic career, the college should not stand in their way. Learning, and broadening interests and knowledge into other areas, is a lifelong process; it does not, and should not, stop after two or three years at the college.

It is true that some seniors, bogged down by work, may chose to take low-level classes as "cake courses," hoping that they will be easy; however, this is not the majority of students. The college needs to have more faith in its students and advisors and trust them to make the best educational decisions possible. In addition, "low-level classes" do not necessarily equal "easy classes." Taking any new course or exploring unfamiliar subject matter will stretch a student's mind to think in new ways. Additionally, research methods and writing style, which are often focused on in introductory classes, vary between disciples, and students can improve their own style by learning other ones.

Although it makes sense to limit the number of upperclassmen allowed in low-level classes so that underclassmen working on their concentration requirements can get into the courses that they need, it is not useful to cut upperclassmen out of the classes all together. The goal of the college is to encourage academic exploration, not to limit it.

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Letter to the Editor:

To the Editor:

I write in response to Professor Eismeier's opinion piece, "All Hell Broke Loose" (Spectator, 10/25/02). As the person hired by Hamilton to teach the work of John Milton, I feel compelled to clarify Milton's positions. Apart from writing brilliant poems and plays, John Milton was the first person in England to write an extended argument in defense of freedom of the press—one still studied at law school and in Hamilton's own Government department courses—, for divorce on the grounds of irreconcilable differences, for the rights of a people to remove a monarch from power if he failed to govern in their interests. He risked his life to champion this latter cause and only narrowly escaped execution at the restoration of the British monarchy in 1660.

In one of his pamphlets, Milton outlines an ideal education that anticipates the liberal education students find here at Hamilton. In his poetry he represents a couple's sexual delight in one another's bodies as natural and one of God's greatest gifts to humanity; he presents intellectual companionship as the grounding for a successful marriage; and he creates a pair of epic heroes who achieve that stature by accepting responsibility for their actions and asking for forgiveness.

Peter Ackroyd's novel, on which Professor Eismeier bases his evaluation of Milton, is a fantasy that willfully disregards not only fact but also probability. There were Puritans in New England who did in fact form such repressive governments: they were not, however, John Milton. In his pamphlet arguing for freedom of the press, Milton mocks individuals who imagine that they can control people's passions and inclinations by trying to control what they read, or what they wear, or what music they listen to. Ackroyd's premise is as ridiculous as a novel about how Abraham Lincoln, instead of running for President, moved to Missouri, ran a large slave plantation in the most brutal fashion possible, and then tried to secede from the Union.

I will be offering the Milton course this spring; in the past the course has had healthy enrollments, averaging between 20 and 25 students; many of them have not been English majors. I encourage students who are interested in engaging seriously with a remarkable mind to consider taking it; I hope those who have other plans for the spring will at least not base their judgments of Milton on the sensational fantasies of an uninformed writer, and I regret deeply that one of my colleagues, whose integrity and intellect I respect, would have allowed himself to be party to the dissemination of such counter-productive misinformation.

Sincerely, Margaret Thickstun

Spaziani proposes "short, sweet" name for new catalog

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when arguing his positions in newspapers, to Knox, in reference to Reverend Hugh Knox, the man responsible for bringing Hamilton to the North American mainland, where he was able to attend King's College in New York and eventually catapult himself into power in the new American government.

PHOTO BY ANNA GRITTEN '03

Couper Librarian Randall Ericson announces the new catalog's name.

The judging panel, composed of the faculty and students on the Library Committee and three representatives of the library staff, sifted through all the proposed names and selected seven finalists: Plexus, Mnnemosyne, Hamlet, EZRĄ, Bibliotech, Alexander, and Alex. The students who proposed these seven names received $100 each.

Ericson was charged with the difficult task of selecting the winner from the list of finalists.

Ericson selected Alex to be the name of the new catalog because "it was short, easy to remember, and a clear and instant association with the college's namesake."

Laura Spaziani '03 proposed the name and received the $250 grand prize.

"I thought it was a fun name, short and sweet," Spaziani stated, adding in reference to Alexander Hamilton's name, "I shortened it to Alex."

Some in the student body had expressed their desire that the catalog be named after retiring President Gene Tobin. Nonetheless, no name honoring Tobin was picked by the panel to be a finalist.

"I would not have selected one of those names because it is premature to name catalogs or anything else after President Tobin at this time. I think the time will come and is probably more appropriate for something in which President Tobin had more direct involvement," Ericson said.

All students who entered the contest will receive an undisclosed prize before Thanksgiving.

"Winning was a nice surprise, and I'm glad Hamilton has a name for its catalog," Spaziani said.

Haley gives faculty seminar on "Anti-Racist Pedagogy in the Classics Classroom"

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faculty," said Susan Rotroff, a professor of classics at Washington University. "However, despite our efforts, we have not been very successful in retaining full-time minority faculty." Rotroff said this program was started as a response to that shortcoming and allows the many visiting scholars who have been invited to the campus to serve as "role models" for students. The program is also designed to "support the future recruitment and retention of minority faculty and students at the University and to broaden the University's visibility in the minority community nationwide."

"These scholars are experts in their field, and they serve to enrich both the students and faculty here," said Rotroff. Haley was nominated by Rotroff after she became familiar with the work Haley has been conducting throughout her career, and, in particular, after Rotroff attended a lecture Haley gave at the University of Missouri. "She is an authority in her field, combining many different disciplines into her work," said Rotroff.

This sentiment was echoed by Hamilton Professor Barbara Gold, a colleague of Haley's. "Professor Haley is not only a good classicist, but she has a broad command of many other disciplines as well," said Gold. "She is invited to programs like the Distinguished Visiting Scholars at Washington University because she can cover many areas on the spectrum and reach people in a number of different disciplines as well."

Haley participated in a total of three public presentations while on campus. Her first public event on campus was on Monday, November 4, where she participated in a colloquium entitled "Was Dido a Blond(e)?" The colloquium was an intimate gathering, attracting 40 people to the discussion on Virgil's *Aeneid*.

Haley also gave a public lecture on black women classicists in the nineteenth century, which Rotroff said is Haley's specialty. "She is the best authority on this topic," said Rotroff, who added that the event attracted a large audience.

The final component of Haley's visit was a seminar designed for the faculty at Washington University, titled "Anti-Racist Pedagogy in the Classics Classroom," which was held on Thursday. Students interested in careers in education were also encouraged to attend the "working session."

David Paris, dean of faculty at Hamilton, highlighted this aspect of Haley's visit in particular. "She is not only talking as a scholar, but her presentation on pedagogy in the classroom demonstrates her classroom methods as well," said Paris. "The college is really proud of the honor Washington University has bestowed on her."

Haley's visit was cosponsored by both the classics department and the African and African American studies department, as well as under the financial sponsorship of the chancellor's office. Her visit was the first Distinguished Visiting Scholar that the Classics Department at Washington University sponsored.

Students share personal stories, information about eating disorders

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Terry King, a registered dietitian, offered the following advice to students: "We need to just chill a little bit about what we eat and when we eat." She defined eating as "simply a biological function," but noted that eating disorders "truly have nothing to do with food, per se." King further warned about the dangers of eating disorders as well as the painful process of recovery. She explained the process of recovering from an eating disorder and stressed the most important aspect of recuperation: "refocusing how they're thinking."

Mike DePitrillo '03 was the last panelist to speak. DePitrillo suffered from an eating disorder, stating that the initial cause of the condition was "acceptance." He explained that his destructive eating habits were "a source of control and discipline." DePitrillo became obsessed with his physique and adopted a vigorous exercise routine to maintain his body.

"The goals I set were met," DePitrillo recollected, "but it didn't even matter." His condition worsened over time, "to the point where I was basically about to die."

DePitrillo eventually recovered, and he described the process as "incredibly, incredibly hard."

Waite deemed the panel discussion a success: "With the Red Pit filled to capacity, and the wide breadth of information addressed by the panel members, I have to say this was the best panel we've had yet. Numbers aside, the audience seemed genuinely engaged, and we really can't ask for anything more than that."

Waite continued, "We cannot hope to remedy the problem, nor do we offer a cure for such disorders. Instead, we choose to provide as much information as we can along with the resources required to take the next step. We must rely on the participants to make the healthy choice and seek help, whether it is for them or those they care about."

Diwali festival, Latin Night, Poetry Slam highlights of CultureFest 2002

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Multicultural Affairs.

The Diwali festival begins at six o'clock Saturday evening and lasts until eight, which gives students time to attend both the festival and Lewis Black, or the festival and Relay for Life. In addition, local ethnic restaurants will cater the festival, including Minra (Indian), Symeon's (Greek), and East Dynasty Buffet (Chinese). According to Dean David, "the number of restaurants is meant to coincide with the theme, which is to bring multicultural people together."

CultureFest was created for a number of reasons, not the least of which was to foster awareness of multiculturalism among the Hamilton community. However, another reason Dean David gave is that Hamilton will be hosting multicultural prospective students this weekend. He said, "Usually when multicultural students come to Hamilton, we try to do something like this, to give them an idea of what to expect."

One of Dean David's desires for future CultureFests is a greater involvement among the faculty and staff. "I think that students see their professors in class and know that they are some very brilliant people, but that students would appreciate seeing their more creative side on stage," he said of the faculty.

The same idea holds true for the people who staff Hamilton's offices, whom students are only able to see at a very administrative level. The participation of the entire Hamilton community is important to the ideals behind CultureFest, which is meant to help bridge the boundaries that we (un)consciously create in society.

To draw more faculty and staff into the performance side of CultureFest instead of the audience side, Dean David said that organizers of CultureFest "need to start on that much earlier so that we can include them."

An issue that should be stressed about CultureFest is that it is not just an event for people of color. In fact, one of the primary goals of CultureFest is to bring people of every color and every background together. "One of the things I'd like to do in the future is dismiss any stereotypes that come with multicultural events," said Dean David. "They aren't just for people of color. Everyone has experience they can bring."

Upcoming cultural events for the year 2002-2003 include a gospel workshop, a Martin Luther King Jr. celebration, Skin Deep, and possibly a dance festival at the end of the year. Attend just one, or attend them all, but be sure not to miss the fabulous events that Hamilton's multicultural groups are bringing to campus.

Campus Safety investigates missing computer case

*from **Computers**, page 1*

Macintosh machines and four PCs without the removal of the computers from the cabinets. "This is terrible. I don't understand why someone would do this," said Luna.

ITS is currently unable to assess the cost of the damage, as the computers are in the custody of the Kirkland Police Department for fingerprint analysis. Campus Safety is currently investigating the situation.

According to Wayne Gentile, evening supervisor for Campus Safety, this is a difficult task due to the fact that academic buildings are often open late and are not monitored. There were several copies of the lectern key in use by ITS professional and student staff, and a keyring used by ITS student staff that included a key to the lecterns was reported as missing around the time of the thefts.

Anyone with information about this incident is asked to contact Patricia Ingalls at Campus Safety.

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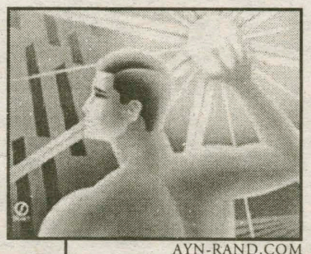

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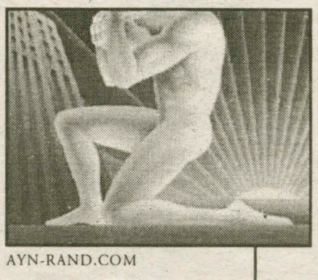

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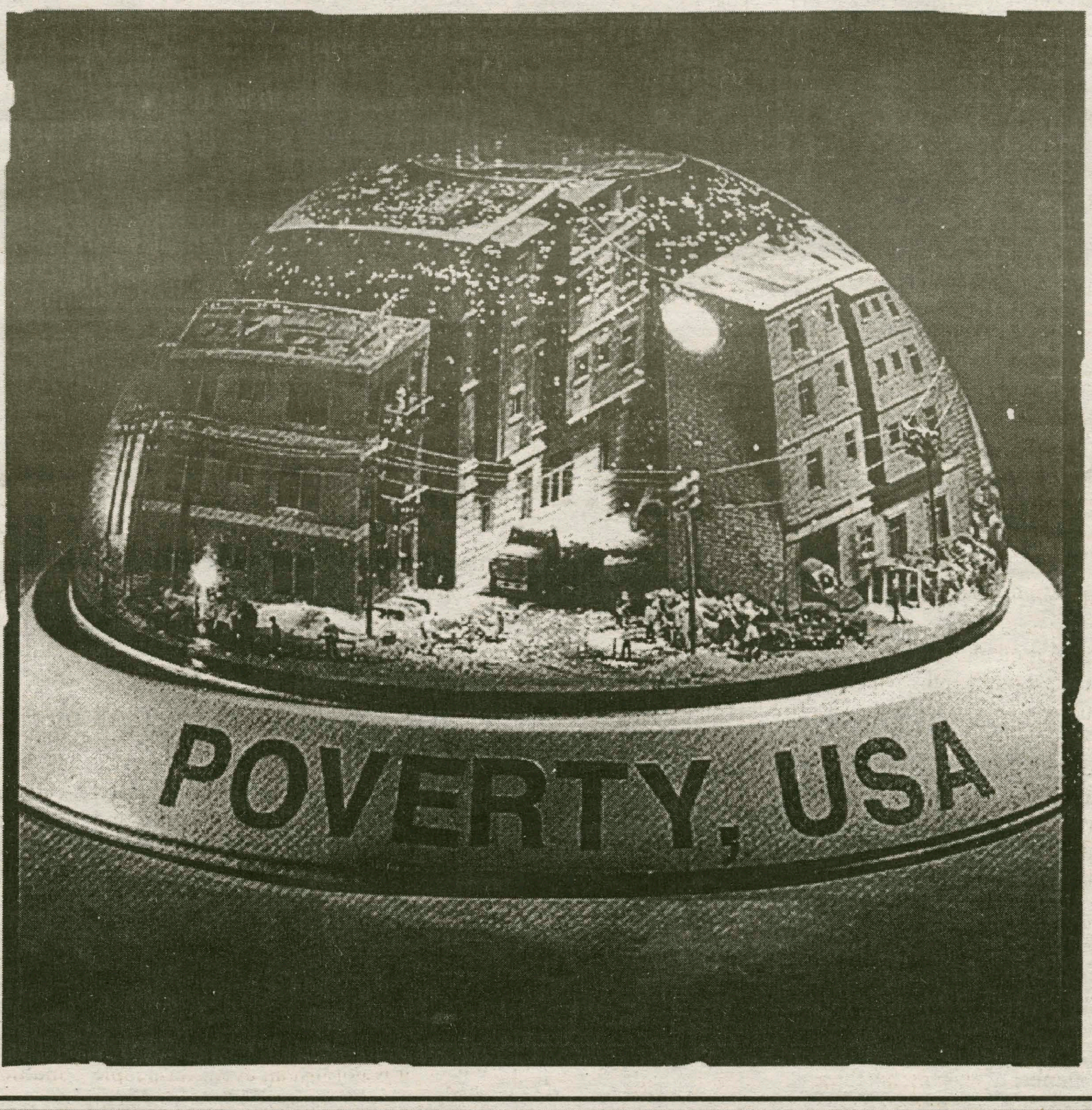
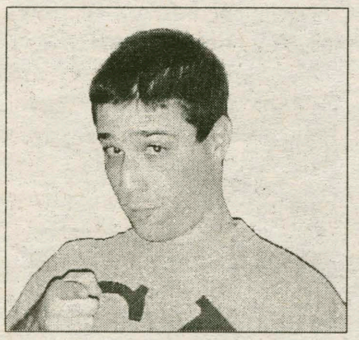
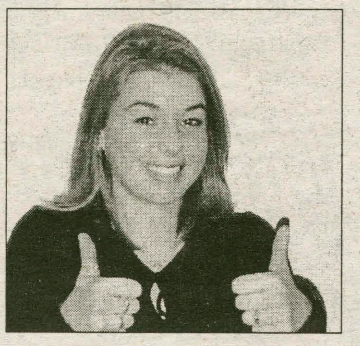


Insights & Ideas

Hamilton Unscripted: Aside from the free food, what was the best part about Family Weekend?



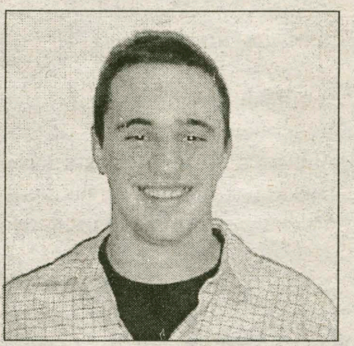
"Hamilton Football scoring three touchdowns in one game."
-Evan Dankner '04



"Trashed fifteen year old boys."
-Avery Schlicher '05

"Free beer from the parents."
-Dan Briggs '05

"No parking tickets from Campus Safety"
-Dierdre Fenton '04



"The fact that it was only two days long."
-Dan Campany '04

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Sometimes I wonder

BILL CHENEVERT '05
INSIGHTS & IDEAS EDITOR

Time and again I have seen it happen: students coming into the library's new and improved super high-tech computer lab only to be turned away in dismay and anger. The other day I saw it happen and then it happened to me several times in one day. I came in to use a printer on an IBM and struck out with three fruitless attempts. That was it, I'd had it – perfect article material.

Now, I have only just recently discovered the plethora of computers to be used on the lower floor, in the classroom computer rooms, down by where the big computer lab used to be with the old-school ancient PCs. Eventually, what needed to get done got done, however, the idea is that in my three semesters on the hill, I have consistently been frustrated with how money is spent by the administration.

It seems obvious to the students what could use attention by the powers that be. First and foremost, parking is horrendous. Expanding Ferguson and the creation of "New Lot" adjacent to North Lot is inadequate. While these efforts are noble and the condition of the parking lots are impressive, this was done in the shadow of the removal of Dunham parking and Field House parking. When students living in the suites on the dark side have to park in North Lot, and when students in Bundy had to walk about two to three miles, all the way around the Science Building construction because of Campus Road work, there is obviously something wrong with the system. There is a lot of open space in more convenient places than a two-mile walk from student residences.

While I commend the college for looking towards a future of attracting bright science students and expanding the curriculum to include a strong science program, I see immediate needs that could have been addressed years ago. Housing is my second gripe. Hamilton students should not spend $3,630 (straight from the Hamilton website) for one-fourth of a Dunham quad or one-third of a Kirkland single while first-years in South (I was one of them) are sitting pretty in a luxurious room.

I also do not agree with the idea of pushing seniors off campus in order to put sophomores from the summer housing lottery into ridiculous singles and doubles in upper-classmen dorms. In my opinion, we should level out some precious green grass in the many open spaces on campus for a large, freshmen dorm of quads and expand the student body slightly. Hamilton is not in need of applicants and I do not see anything wrong in upping the enrollment another hundred students, as long as a few more professors are hired.

So, now that I've done my complaining and whining, here are my visions of solutions. An under–100 space parking lot could very easily be put in between Bristol and Minor, providing better and closer parking for Dunham and Bundy residents, as well as provide more visitor parking and Minor Theater parking. South, North, Kirkland and Carnegie residents can make the mile walk to North Lot, honestly.

A quaint little three-floor dorm for first-years would fit in nicely in front of Dunham and behind Christian-Johnson; you could even expand Martin's Way up to its entrance. Another possible site could be behind North and Kirkland, near the old Sig house. It would be close to the library and Science building and near other first-year dorms. This expansion of Martin's Way nonsense seems unnecessary unless it includes bigger plans for more accommodating academic, residential, or social spaces.

THUMBS UP

-Rounds 1 and 2 with last Friday night's random hook-up

-Exploiting the new Thumbs Up/ Thumbs Down member for all the VT shots she's worth as part of her hazing program

-Lewis Black coming to the Hill this Saturday

-Finding the true love of your life while roaming the halls at Clinton High

- "Late night Diner breakfast: that's so fking key!" -Andy Horner '03**

-Parents at the bars=free drinks all night

THUMBS DOWN

- Having your parents' Saturday morning breakfast-in-bed surprise interrupt Round 3 with last night's hook-up

-Being unable to watch SportsCenter in the Pub during lunch because of some girls' stubborn refusal to turn off "A Makeover Story" on TLC

-The abundance of KSA girls currently infesting the Spec room

-Having a friggin' mailbox on the bottom row of the Mail Center

-The end of the Crew season

Chris Preston '03, Paul P. Jones '03, and Deirdre Fenton '04

WHO CARES?

-The Tumbling After-Special K war of words....the most heated rivalry since the Fencing Club vs the Juggling Club

-RA Appreciation Day....that's like "Random Rock Swing in McEwen" Appreciation Day

-Justinio on the Radio using his on-line dating service to supercharge his non-existent sex life

-The new question asked at ATX and PBX rush functions: "Would you be willing to go to war for us?"

-This week's top Spec headline: "Burke presents new student-named card catalog, 'Alex'"

Hamilton not fulfilling its big name potential

Quick, name one band or comedian that has graced the Hamilton campus in the past two years...Take your time...I'm still waiting. Not so easy, is it? But don't worry, I couldn't name one either. The fact of the matter is, comedian Lewis Black's (from Comedy Central's The Daily Show) performance in Wellin

CHRIS PRESTON '03
INSIGHTS & IDEAS EDITOR

Hall this Saturday night will mark the first truly "big" name to appear at Hamilton since the likes of Dispatch and Naughty by Nature played in the Annex in the fall semester of the 2000-2001 school year.

Meanwhile, the Utica Auditorium, which primarily caters to Utica College students, seems to keep hammering out winners every few months, the latest of which is the Goo Goo Dolls, who performed there this past Tuesday. Does this make any sense? Why is it that a top twenty Liberal Arts College with outstanding facilities and a bottomless well of money routinely loses bidding wars with a local auditorium that is both cold and drab and is located in an area that can politely be described as the "armpit of America"? Surely there must be someone to blame for this outrage.

Actually, Hamilton's relative inability to attract big name entertainers can be attributed to several factors. One is that CAB just is not getting the job done. This is not, however, due to a lack of effort on their part. On several occasions over the past couple years CAB has been on the brink of signing a number of marquee bands, the most notable of which was of course the Counting Crows, who were actually scheduled to appear last October but for some reason or another made an eleventh hour decision to back out. Rumors have also been flying this year that CAB has been close to nabbing other noteworthy bands, including Jurassic Five, which is said to still be in the works

The fact that CAB has been so close to inking some of these performers proves that they are not only trying their darndest to do so, but it shows that they have the monetary resources to lure some of the big boys. It is true that CAB's budget pales in comparison to that of the Sacerdote Great Names Series, which annually reels in historical icons such as Colin Powell, Margaret Thatcher, Desmond Tutu, Jimmy Carter, Madeleine Albright, and Rudy Giuliani; however, they should not have as much trouble as they are currently having with competing against the Utica Auditorium, which is as much in the middle of nowhere as Hamilton. Student Assembly annually allocates in the neighborhood of $100,000 to CAB, $50-60,000 of which is used for this very purpose. So CAB's inability to close the deal remains a mystery, and they should continue to be scrutinized for their lack of big name production. Still, they should shoulder only a portion of the blame.

Though they don't exactly lure a who's who of contemporary entertainers to campus, the Campus Activities Board does provide us with ample entertainment opportunities. They are responsible for a portion of the movies in KJ, various dance parties in the Annex, bus trips to sporting events such as Buffalo Bills games or Boston Celtics games, and lesser known comedy troops and bands that perform in the Events Barn, the Pub, or Café Opus. In other words, they are extremely busy and could certainly use some help.

It is difficult for a single student-run organization, such as CAB, to juggle all the aforementioned tasks by itself, let alone attempt to quench our thirsts for more appearances by the likes of Run DMC and Ben Harper. Therefore, I suggest that we help them by creating an organization that is the pop culture version of the Sacerdote Great Names Series, one whose sole focus is to convince great names in entertainment to come to our campus rather than to that creaky old dump 15 miles east of us.

Put all that extra parking ticket money to use by allocating it towards a budget that could be a building block for such an organization. Unlike with CAB, all of that money could go towards compensating would-be entertainers, making a trip to Hamilton a bit more lucrative for them. Plus, there would be enough people willing to participate that it would make the goal of convincing the best in entertainment to come to Hamilton much more attainable and realistic.

Lewis Black's appearance on Saturday shows that it is not impossible to get entertainers of his caliber to come here. If the price is right, just about anyone would be willing to pounce on the opportunity to perform in front of a packed house of enthusiastic students brimming with anticipation of a famous name appearing on their campus. Isn't that why bands and comedians embark on college tours in the first place? All it takes to get these performers is a more focused effort by the school.

Hamilton College may be small, in the middle of nowhere, and a relative unknown on the national scale, but we still have yet to realize our full potential. Great names are willing to come to Hamilton. But don't take my word for it. Just ask the Sacerdotes.

Model UN gets the job done

Over October break, while many kids went back home to their parents and high school friends, twelve Hamilton College students trekked down to our nation's capital to participate in the Georgetown University Model United Nations conference.

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Led by team captain Benjamin Schuster '03 and advisor Professor Carlos Yordan, the team went to the conference with every hope of representing our school against some of the top universities in the east. These schools included Cornell, U of Calgary, Penn, UVA, William and Mary, Northwestern, and West Point.

With only three returning debaters from the previous year, the team saw a lot of new faces come out andparticipate in their first Model UN experience. The two countries that the team represented were the delegations of Yemen and Venezuela.

"I feel that I learned a lot and got some great experience on this trip" said Justin Young '06 on his experience. "It was a good break from Hamilton and a good experience because I was able to bond with people that I had never met before."

According to Captain Ben Schuster '03, "This is the best team Hamilton has put together in the last four years, and I am excited by the skill of the rookies."

An especially strong performance was put forth by Spencer Soloway '06, who received honorable mention in his committee for his outstanding performance in debating and representing his country.

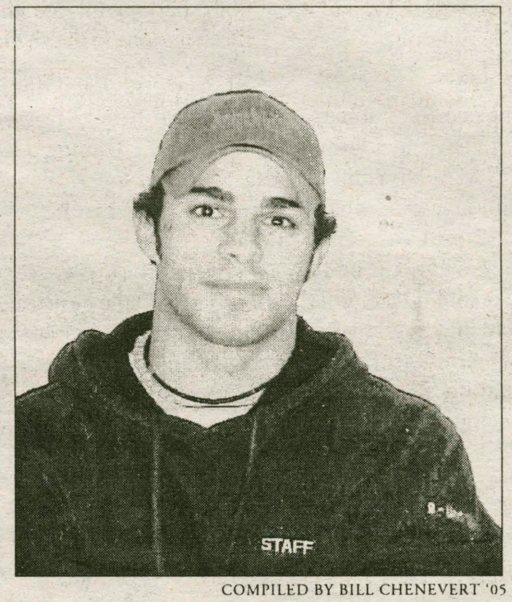
In January, the team is travelling up to Montreal to participate in yet another conference. With the experience the team gained on their first conference there is little doubt that the team will rank as one of the elite in North America.

Overall, the trip allowed a group of Hamilton students to spend some time together away from school and really form friendships, learn about how the UN runs, and get to debate against some of the best schools around. Hopefully our next trip will bring us back with more awards and improve Model UN's reputation at Hamilton.

Besides the team's prowess, Model United Nations is also trying to do more on campus and the surrounding community. During the second week in December, the Hamilton squad will be helping host a conference here on the hill for 350 local high school students. Also, the team is excited to begin a yearlong fundraising drive for the United Nations "Adopt-a-Minefield" program.

Over the next several months the team will be collecting money to help fund the removal of land mines from war- torn countries. Hopefully the rest of the year goes as well for the team as the beginning has.

Random Hamilton Profile



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Residence: Carnegie
Loves Carnegie because: The open door policy and watching ATX/PBX fights next door
Hometown: Niagara Falls, Ontario
High School: A. N. Myer
Came to Hamilton because: Hockey (had never heard of this place)
Area of study: Economics
I love Hamilton when: I don't have to be around idiots saying "Kabin" or "P-star"
I hate Hamilton when: People make fun of me for my Clinton High girlfriends.
Parties of the year: Gong show / "Good Girls, Bad Guys"
Hobbies: Dance class with Bruce
After Hamilton: Being cool
Favorite music: Hip-Hop/Canadian stuff minus Celine Dion
Commons vs. McEwen: Where's McEwen?
Favorite Professor: Panciara (he left us)
Favorite memory at Hamilton: Watching Racine strike out at parties while fat Hilton consistently gets tail

Correction:

Due to a staff editing error a sentence in Professor Isserman's article on "Understanding the Honor Code" was misprinted. The sentence should have read, "Plagiarism substitutes someone else's prowess at explanation for your own efforts," instead of, "Plagiarism substitutes someone else's prowess at explaining your own efforts." In addition, due to a formatting error, text throughout the article that should have been italicized did not appear correctly.

The world of Chip Martin

My senior thesis is going pretty slow. The main reason is the fact that I am becoming really creative in finding pointless ways to distract myself while doing research. One of my more ridiculous methods of distraction is doing random Google Internet searches for whatever I am thinking about at any given moment. It works this way: as I stare blankly at my computer screen, I suddenly get the picture in my mind of, say, a pink alligator. I search "pink alligator" on Google and then spend the next 45 minutes listening to songs by the "Pink Alligators," a country swing band from Lawrence, WI. Along these lines, the other night, I decided to perform a Google search for myself: Chip Martin. I thought, "Hey, maybe something funny with my name in it will come up."

CHIP MARTIN '03
INSIGHTS & IDEAS CONTRIBUTOR

Wow, was I surprised. There is a lot of Chip Martin on the Internet. 684 results, to be exact.

I clicked and scrolled through the pages, learning amazing things about the wild world of "Chip Martin." My first discovery was that I am a member of countless clubs and boards, which range from the Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board (www.efcog.org) to the New England Edsel Club (clubs.hemmings.com). I apparently was a defensive tackle on ACU's 1973 NAIA Division I national championship football team and a first team all-America pick in 1974 (www.acu.edu/sports). At Goochland Middle School in Goochland, VA, I made the sixth grade honor roll last semester for getting all A's and B's. (www.goochgaz.com)

Additionally, I am the star of a 1960's Bell Telephone educational cartoon called "Chip Martin, College Reporter" (pages.tias.com/3943/PictPage). Ironic, huh? I am also the editor of "Brown & Martin," a newsletter based in Waukesha, WI. My articles include *"You Like Me! You Really Like Me! An Editorial by Chip Martin"* and ChipShots!, a weekly column of witty little insights on life like "When the chips are down, the buffalo is empty" and, "If you have to vacuum the bed, it's time to change the sheets." As you can see, I'm not only an editor, I'm also a pretty funny guy (www.dale-brown.com). I found out that I was a contributing songwriter for the *Monkees* in the 1960's (www.mtv.com). I guess that was when I wasn't busy with the college reporter cartoon.

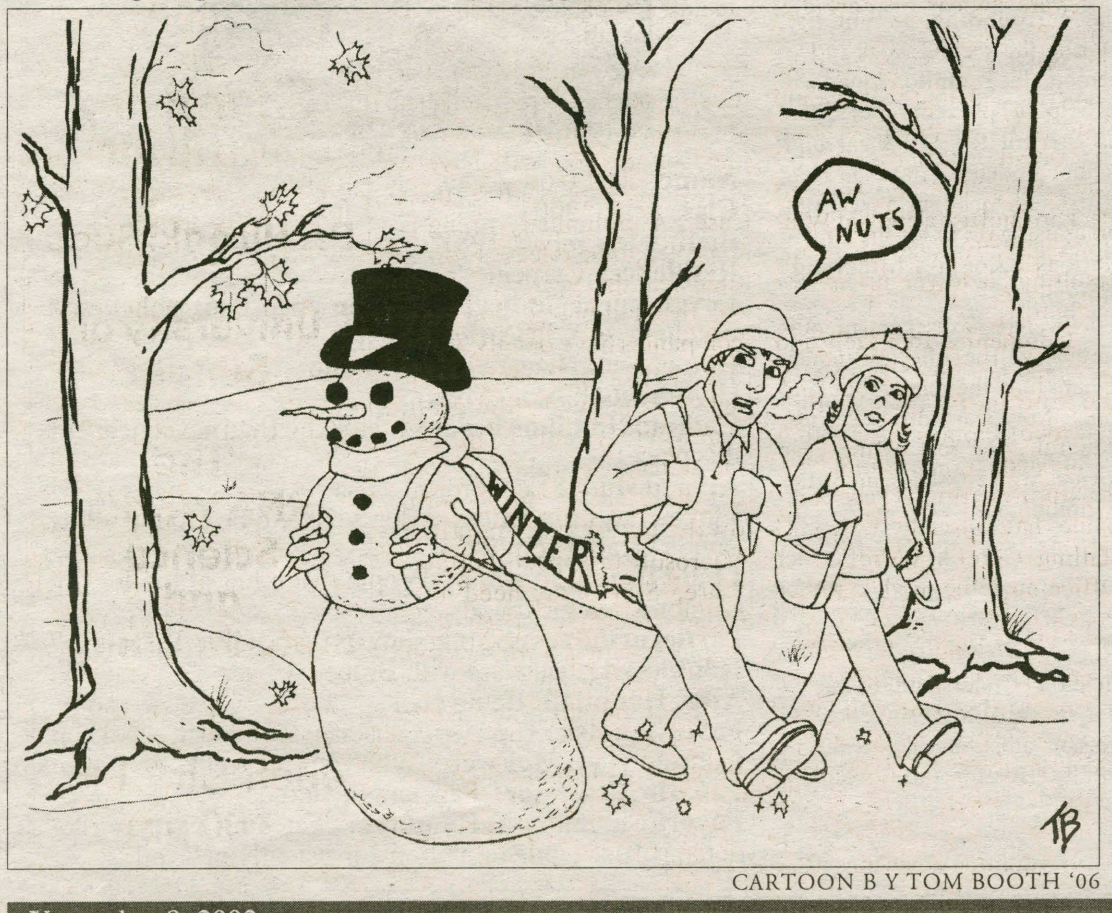
On www.Starpages.net, I found that Marc Donato, a Canadian child actor, starred as Chip Martin in the TV movie, *The Sweetest Gift*, on 2/28/98. The University of Minnesota (www.umn.edu) regrets to announce, that I, now known as Dr. "Chip" Martin, will not be able to make it on Monday to give the LGBT lecture entitled, "Homophobia is a Health Hazard." Maybe you caught my cardiology lecture there on May 18, 2002 entitled "Your Heart on Street Drugs."

I, as the regional director of Quail Unlimited, hosted the "Texas Quail Calling Contest" Oct. 13-15 in the Abilene Civic Center, Abilene, TX (agnews.tamu.edu).

"Chip Martin, College Reporter" wasn't the only time I was a cartoon character. I was also an obscure Spiderman super-villain who went by the alias Schizoid Man. My first appearance was in "Spectacular Spiderman #36," in Nov 1979. The site www.spiderfan.org had this biography of me: "When Chip Martin was born, the doctor warned his parents that the drugs they had used to ease his mother's delivery had entered his bloodstream. It is unclear whether these drugs mutated him to cause him to develop superhuman powers, or if they caused a chemical imbalance which resulted in his personality disorder. His parents blamed this event for all of his differences."

Finally, we move to the homepage of Chip Martin, an unsigned singer-songwriter from Wimberly, Texas. This guy's music is so, so bad that I am not even going to joke around about actually being him. I could only make it through two songs; one song, entitled "Running Man," included the lyric, "I run so fast I bet you'll say 'I wonder where he went' / And I'm thinking I just might run for President / 'Cause I'm the Running Man." He also has wild deer in his backyard, which he, for some bizarre reason, has given names and posted all their pictures on the site. People, I can't make this stuff up...

There are some important lessons I have learned from this little exercise. First, unplug your network cable before you try to do any work. You might end up writing a Spec article instead of a thesis. Second, for every useful web site on the Internet, there are about 25 websites like chipmartin.com. Never go past page two of a search, there is nothing there. I also learned that I really need to lose my "Chip" nickname and start going by my birth name: "Ken." The world of "Chip Martin" is just a little too bizarre for me to be a part of.



CARTOON B Y TOM BOOTH '06

Letters to the Editor:

LETTER TO THE EDITOR:

Thank you for the opportunity to hold a Design "Charrette" on campus for the purpose of identifying ideas for extending Martin's Way. Over 300 students, faculty, staff and administrators participated. We asked the questions: "Where should Martin's Way lead to?"; "What should the character be?"; and "How can it express the traditions, values and culture of Hamilton College?" From those who participated in the "charrette," we learned that Martin's Way is more than just a "red brick walkway" intended to enhance the visual appeal of the college. Martin's Way is integrally linked to potential indoor and outdoor student activity spaces, student housing, future building sites, community spaces and the celebration of college traditions.

Based on our experience on over fifty college campuses, we were impressed with the creativity, passion and respect for the environment expressed by the Hamilton College community. We look forward to future discussion of the "charrette" concepts.

Robert J. Southerland
Principal
The Saratoga Associates

TO THE EDITOR:

The November 1, 2002 issue of "The Spectator" placed this past weekend's Campus Activities Board event in the "Thumbs Down" section of Insights & Ideas. It read, "CAB's lack of pull: Utica College gets Goo Goo Dolls, we get Parents Weekend BeatleMania." I fail to see how this promotes either a positive or constructive attitude toward campus activities. The members of CAB do not take their responsibility lightly. We try to bring the best and most diverse events to campus as is possible given our budget and Hamilton's location in Central New York.

GetBack, the Beatles tribute band, was chosen for Family Weekend because it is the type of event that appeals to more than just college students. Despite its placement in "Thumbs Down", the event was, by all means, a success. We had such a positive turnout that we were unfortunately forced to prevent further patrons from entering the Annex. The audience was a welcomed mix of students, their families, and our administrators.

The editors of "Thumbs Up/Thumbs Down" highlighted Utica College's Goo Goo Dolls show as a worthwhile event. CAB agrees wholeheartedly. It is for this reason that we purchased a block of tickets from Utica College and made them available to the entire Hamilton community. This continues a long-standing CAB practice of making local colleges' events accessible to Hamilton.

The members of CAB and the staff of the Office of Student Activities put a tremendous amount of time and effort into bringing the best possible events to campus. If any member of the Hamilton community sees a way in which we can do better, or if anyone wants their voice heard, I invite them to join us on Wednesday evenings at seven o'clock in the basement of The Bristol Campus Center. Let's all work toward making Hamilton a more enjoyable place.

Sincerely,
Tom Keane '03
Executive Board Chair, Campus Activities Board

TO THE EDITOR:

Regarding Jimmy Carter as this year's recipient of the Nobel "Peace" Prize:

How quickly those in Oslo forget what a sorry president Carter was. This was the president, after all, who was shocked to learn such things as that the Soviets could lie to him. He was the foreign policy genius who couldn't sway the Iranians to release the American embassy hostages. It was he who signed away our Panama Canal.

In the 1980 election, Carter was appropriately crushed by a landslide, becoming one of the few twentieth-century presidents not to win re-election to a second term. His presidency was a disaster economically and in foreign policy. His ex-presidency, breaking bread with Castro and aiding the nuclear program of North Korea, is even worse.

Carter, indeed, is the logical successor to a prize already awarded to a terrorist thug such as Yasser Arafat.

The Nobel Committee can, therefore, keep its prizes when it rewards them to such appeasers.

Let us now return to the real world — which means to the preservation of genuine peace — which means, at the very least as staging ground, total war against Saddam Hussein's Iraq.

Sincerely.
Jonathan Rick '05

Biology Professor Ken Bart:
Master of the Electron Microscope

by Katrina Lexa '05
SCIENCE WRITER

Imagine a classroom so small that only seven people can fit in it, and even then they are closer to one another than you would want to be to most of your friends. It is interesting that despite personal space issues, every year the classes held here fill up with eager students willing to develop close friendships with their lab mates.

Where is this astonishing place? And where is this extraordinary laboratory?

The answer is the science building, room 270, home to an amazing man, Professor Kenneth Bart, as well as an assortment of electron microscopes.

Professor Bart joined the ranks of Hamilton faculty in 1986, and three year later, the Kresge Foundation was established to help maintain and purchase the instruments required to teach electron microscopy. The lab itself is "all computer-drive; everything is computer-generated," said Professor Bart, "everything here that is done is digital imaging. There is virtually no film used." The ability to know and interpret scanned images is useful in a wide variety of fields, and Professor Bart currently teaches courses in Scanning Electron Microscopy (SEM), Transmission Electron Microscopy (TEM), and X-ray Microanalysis.

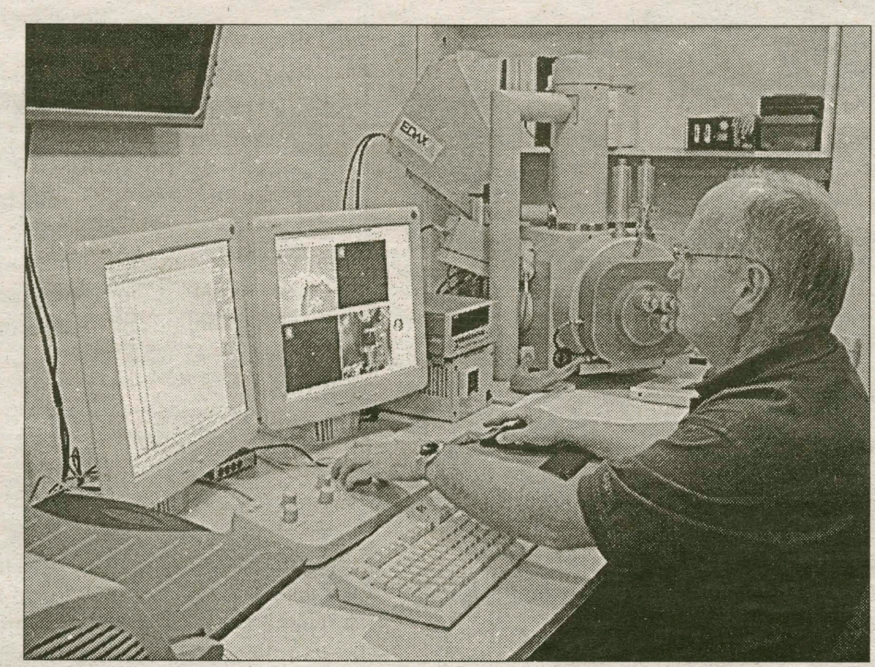


PHOTO BY ANATASHA GRITTEN '03

Biology Professor and master of the electron microscope Ken Bart demonstrates the incredible technology of Hamilton's newest acquisition: a top of the line Environmental Scanning Electron Microscope.

According to Professor Bart, "Students work on a variety of projects; mostly they'll work on senior thesis projects if their projects require high magnification images." Over the years, Professor Bart's courses have gotten a lot of good feedback from Hamilton graduates who go on to medical school, which often expects students to be able to interpret scanning analyses.

The number of students in his classes is fairly limited by size, but as he pointed out, "the new facility is considerably larger, maybe three times the size." Hopefully, with its completion, more students will have access to the resources within the lab and Professor Bart's teaching.

One of the reasons that Professor Bart chose to work at Hamilton was the "package" Hamilton offered him. "I liked the way the position was defined," he said. "Most people that have the job I do just run the facilities; they don't get to teach."

Part of what Professor Bart does outside the classroom involves the geology department's research on Antarctica. The geology department goes on expeditions to the southern continent, digging cores and bringing them back for evaluation. Professor Bart said he is "working with Eugene Domack, looking at sediment cores and ice cores, [and] doing particle analysis."

Professor Bart's work isn't limited to one specific field of science. In fact, the lab facilities are used by most of the science department. Professor Bart also noted, "I work quite extensively with a cell biologist at Utica College."

Electron microscopes are generally used for imaging and measuring biomedical particles. Also, "all electron microscopes operate at a high volume," said Professor Bart. "The sample has to be quite dead." But new to his lab is a state-of-the-art Environmental Scanning Electron Microscope (ESEM). The ESEM allows researchers to view some samples that are still alive and hydrated.

Hamilton College is incredibly luck to have an ESEM, considering their rarity in the United States alone, much less at undergraduate institutions like Hamilton College. The grant from the Kresge Foundation also allows Hamilton to use state-of-the-art microscope equipment, each one of which is incredibly expensive to purchase.

"Financial investment is the limiting factor," said Professor Bart, and the fact that Hamilton is able to invest in such a program "provides an experience that not many undergraduate students have, certainly not what they could find at a research institution."

Microsoft settlement approved
How will this affect consumers?

by Aram Kudurshian
SCIENCE WRITER

Last Friday marked yet another milestone in the landmark antitrust case against Microsoft; U.S. District Judge Colleen Kollar-Kotelly approved a proposed settlement that had been drafted in November 2001 outlining Microsoft's punishment.

Unless either U.S. General Attorney John Ashcroft or Microsoft's lawyers appeal the ruling, Microsoft will be required to adhere to the following conditions for a minimum of five years.

The most important condition in the settlement is that Microsoft must allow users the ability to remove 'middlewear,' programs that Microsoft created to add functionality to the system such as Internet Explorer and Windows Media Player.

In addition to allowing consumers the ability to remove these programs, Microsoft must guarantee that the removal will not affect basic tasks on the system and is obliged to allow developers the ability to integrate their products in the same way Microsoft did.

What this means to consumers is that in the future, when Microsoft releases their Windows XP service pack, it will be possible to integrate Netscape directly into your system for both browsing the internet and navigating your files.

In addition, Microsoft must agree not to retaliate against companies that offer similar products or services. This hopefully will signify that Microsoft will not be able to use its power to force competitors such as Apple and Real Networks from releasing programs that directly compete with those Microsoft has created.

Lastly, this ban on retaliation also extends to PC makers and will allow them to include other operating systems such as Linux variants with their computers. Computer manufacturers will also be given more leeway in what icons and software appear on new machines.

What this means for the consumer is that we should soon be able to purchase computers without Microsoft Windows from Dell and Hewlett Packard and use a copy of Windows already licensed to us, resulting in lower prices for the hardware.

Companies like Dell and Hewlett Packard will also have the option to install non-Microsoft applications that would appear on a computer's desktop at startup. These companies have already started installing Corel's WordPerfect Office on some models rather than Microsoft Works.

Are Microsoft's legal woes over? The simple answer to this is no; Microsoft still faces an investigation by the European Union's Competition Commission that will determine whether or not Microsoft used its dominance in the desktop market to gain an unfair advantage in the server market against companies such as Sun.

Although laws differ greatly between the EU and the U.S., many have predicted that due to this landmark settlement the commission will have a harder time presenting their case. A preliminary ruling is expected to be released sometime near this year's end.

In addition, several U.S. companies have openly stated that they will continue their legal battles with Microsoft. Sun Microsystems has urged the states that broke off from this case earlier on to form their own case against Microsoft to appeal. Furthermore, Sun announced this Monday that they will continue to pursue their own lawsuit against Microsoft.

Backing up Sun, AOL Time Warner's subsidiary Netscape will also be continuing their case against Microsoft on the grounds of unfair competition.

November 15, 2002

Chemistry Seminar

Dr. Hiroaki Suga

University of Buffalo

"The RNA World: Science and Biotechnology"

Chemistry 112
3:00 pm

Features

Incumbent alums reelected in decisive elections

Iowa Governer and DE Congressman retain posts

by Jon Kuhl '06
FEATURES WRITER

On Tuesday, November 5, Election Day, Hamilton alumni Governor Tom Vilsack (D-Iowa) and Congressman Mike Castle (R-Delaware) both won their respective races, maintaining their current elected posts.

Both candidates won with a comfortable margin, with Vilsack receiving 53% of the vote, and Castle garnering an overwhelming 72%.

Iowa Governor Tom Vilsack, who graduated from Hamilton in 1972, is now serving his second term in a state that hasn't had a Democrat in the Governor's mansion since 1960.

The governor, who began life in a Catholic orphanage, was adopted as a young child and eventually attended Hamilton, where he met his future wife, Christie Bell. After attending law school at SUNY Albany, Vilsack moved to his wife's native state.

He started his career as a lawyer; later he became mayor of Mt. Pleasant, Iowa, was elected to the Iowa state Senate, and then became Governor in 1998 in a self-described "classic come-from-behind campaign."

Vilsack delivered Hamilton's 2001 commencement speech for the class in which his son also graduated.

WWW.CASTLECAMPAIGN.ORG

After another successful campaign Delaware Congressman Mike Castle '61 continues his storied political career with a sixth straight term.

WWW.VILSACK-PENDERSON.ORG

Democratic Governor Vilsack's success during a well-handled first term brought him a historic reelection Tuesday.

According to The New York Times, "of the five Democratic incumbents, Tom Vilsack of Iowa had the only easy re-election battle. He comfortably defeated Doug Gross, a lawyer and lobbyist, after what many had considered an exceedingly competitive race."

Filling Delaware's only congressional seat, Hamilton graduate Mike Castle '61 easily won re-election. Congressman Castle's political career ranges from his time at Hamilton to holding the offices of deputy attorney general, state legislator, lieutenant governor, and two-term governor of Delaware. This is now Castle's 6th term in the House of Representatives.

According to Delaware's Wilmington News Journal, "Delaware is entitled to only one seat in the U.S. House of Representatives, so the person we send to Washington, D.C., must be of the highest caliber. Michael N. Castle has the intelligence, integrity and experience to give Delaware the best representation."

Castle remains a powerful member of Congress with his chairmanship of the Subcommittee on Education Reform, where he has jurisdiction over pre-school through high school education. He is also a member of the Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence and will chair the Subcommittee on Technical and Tactical Intelligence.

In the election that removed control of the Senate from the Democrats, these two Hamilton grads from opposing ends of the political spectrum held onto their posts, both remaining respected public officials.

A FEW LITTLE KNOWN RECYCLING FACTS THAT WE HOPE YOU ALLREADY KNOW...

1. Pizza boxes, cereal boxes, beer cases and any kind of cardboard (except milk cartons) go into the paper bin. If it doesn't fit stack the cardboard neatly next to the bin station.
2. Any kind of junk mail, newspaper or magazine goes into the paper bin.
3. Tin cans and milk cartons go into the container bin.
4. Coffee cups from Bon Apetit go into the container bin.
5. Only cans and bottles that contained a carbonated beverage are worth 5 cents in NYS. Any non-carbonated juice container, therefore, goes into the container bin.

If you have a recycling bin in your room, please bring it back to the bin station.

If you see a bin station around campus that doesn't look right, email matt at mstringe@hamilton.edu and let him know.

Recycle Hard!

Be a slugger! Join the Features staff today.

This Week In Hamilton History

8 YEARS AGO
November 4, 1994

Fire breaks out in woods behind Mason Field

A fire broke out in the woods behind Mason Field on Saturday afternoon, scorching two acres and requiring the Clinton Fire Department to make two separate trips to extinguish it. The fire started in an area of the woods known as the Bridal Path and worked its way down into the ravine near Reservoir Road. Though the fire appeared to be extinguished by late afternoon, it flared up again in the evening, forcing firefighters to make a second trip back to campus.

17 YEARS AGO
October 4, 1985

Liddy sparks the Chapel

Former Watergate conspirator and convicted felon G. Gordon Liddy spoke at the Hamilton Chapel on Monday under the aegis of the Root Jessup public affairs council. Thunderous applause erupted from the fire-capacity crowd to greet the mastermind of the Watergate break-in as he entered the chapel to speak on the topic "Government: Public Perception vs. Reality." Liddy, a graduate of Fordam Law School and former bureau supervisor of the FBI, came to national attention as Richard M. Nixon's General Council to Re-elect the President. His adamant refusal to cooperate with authorities on his major role in the burglary of the Democratic headquarters in Washington's Hotel Watergate landed him four years in jail and served as the basis for his best-selling autobiography, Will.

Football: Hamilton BEATS Williams

Last Saturday, on their own sun-swept Steuben Field, the Hamilton Continentals encountered the Ephmen of Williams, who proved to be the first true test of this young season. Such an outcome was forthcoming were it not for the foot of kicker Rich Strabley, who calmly booted a field goal with about three minutes left in the contest, giving Hamilton a 16-14 lead. Despite their sixth consecutive victory, the Continentals were not as sharp as they have been in past games... Tomorrow at 1:30, Hamilton faces the Bobcats of Bates... the only team to inflict defeat upon the Continentals (last year).

24 YEARS AGO
November 3, 1978

Hill Recovers from Hangovers

The brown tide rolled over Hamilton once again as students consumed keg after keg of beer and gallon upon gallon of hard liquor and champagne during House Party Weekend. Fraternities reported dispensing 76 kegs of beer, or roughly 19,000 8-ounce cups. When asked to describe the amount of demo over the weekend, Dean Gordan Bingham stated that he had not received any reports of damage to the campus. "Our students tend to relax and enjoy it, while some non-students come to free-load and do whatever they want without interference." The Dean also reiterated his position that "any kind of institutionalized, concentrated period of hours and perhaps days whose purpose is drinking is probably unhealthy for a variety of reasons."

Letter to the Editor: **Food Fight Is Thoughtless**

Last Sunday a rather uncommon event took place in Commons. I am referring to the food-war that interrupted our dinner. People threw apples, rolls, cakes, whatever there was on their plates. Such an idea they might have gotten from the now-so-famous movie Animal House. I don't know. But for sure, the place looked more like a pigsty afterwards. We owe an apology to the kitchen personnel or whomever it was who had to clean up the whole mess.
-Karin Monstad '82

Compiled by Jon Kuhl '06

Klinkner, Isserman to lead Normandy invasion

by Allison Davis '06
FEATURES WRITER

Is life on the Hill getting you down? Perhaps the upstate New York climate is just a little colder than you thought it would be, or maybe you're really getting tired of the bucolic view (of Root Lot) from your dorm, or maybe you're just beginning to realize that a Dark Side single is really small...

Whatever reasons you have about why you need to get away, take heart, because Hamilton wants you to go away, too - to study abroad, that is.

Hamilton heavily advertises its study-abroad opportunities to students and prospective students alike. Nevertheless, most of these opportunities are offered only to students in their junior year. From the viewpoint of many freshmen and sophomores, studying abroad is dismissed as something that is far in the future, and therefore not yet worth planning.

However, the two-year-plus wait to study abroad may be shortened substantially for some by the announcement of a new sophomore seminar. The seminar, a collaboration between the government and history departments, is entitled "Politics and History of World War II." Rather than merely reading about the Battle of the Bulge and the D-Day landings, participants will spend ten days actually visiting various sites in France and Belgium in order to acquire a more "real" perspective of the settings for these events.

Professors Philip Klinkner (James S. Sherman Associate Professor of Government) and Maurice Isserman (William R. Kenan, Jr. Professor of History) are the faculty sponsors of the trip, which will be available to 24 sophomores in addition to select alumni who express interest.

The cost of the trip for students is $1,000 (not including incidentals and spending money), and the College has offered to provide subsidies to students with financial constraints. In other words, cost should not be a detracting factor for any students interested in the class. Professor Klinkner anticipates that the offering will be a popular one.

"There is immense public interest in the history surrounding World War II; people tend to devour books and movies on the subject. [This seminar] intends to examine how people today view the conflict, and what those ideas say about the present," he said.

As civilians living more than fifty years later, most of our information on the conflict comes complete with dramatization and the requisite formulaic love story - movies such as "Pearl Harbor" and "Saving Private Ryan" are categorized as "war movies," but much of the story is focused on romance or pure violence rather than the causes and politics behind the discord.

In examining the conflict, the seminar does not focus solely on either a historical or governmental approach; rather, in-depth examinations of various facets of the conflict, including diplomatic and military aspects as well as social and moral impacts, will be considered. According to the course syllabus, the class will "focus on the experience of combat in Europe in 1944-45," a subject on which information and oral histories are harder to come by on this side of the Atlantic.

As in all sophomore seminars, students will complete a comprehensive research paper. The difference between this seminar and other class options lies in the fact that rather than just leafing through stacks of books and written historical accounts in an American library (complete with American biases), students are literally on location studying the subject.

Instead of textbook recapitulations, students will have access to first-hand accounts of the war from those who were there, straight from the grounds where each battle was fought.

Professor Klinkner praised the value of this hands-on research approach. "People often see the events [of World War II] as abstractions, which is certainly not the case. We'll be looking at sites where Americans fought," he said. "Therefore, what happened will seem all the more a reality."

Students will examine the manner in which society as a whole responded to World War II. Klinkner sees this study of conflict and diplomacy relating directly to students' own experiences in the post 9-11 world.

"Society faced a crisis then; much like we're facing a crisis today. A question we want to answer would be whether our society deals with [crisis] in the same way now as during World War II," Klinkner said.

PHOTO BY CHRISTOPHER R. LAROSA '03

Professor Klinkner, along with his colleague Maurice Isserman, will eagerly lead his students through history and government in Normandy.

On your marks, get set, cure! 170 to run against cancer

Ham hosts first "Relay for Life" this Saturday

by Rebecca Fabricant '03
FEATURES WRITER

This weekend, HAVOC will host the American Cancer Society's Relay for Life at the Margaret Bundy Field House. The event begins Saturday, November 9th at 7:00 p.m, and continues throughout the night, concluding at 7:00 a.m. on Sunday morning.

During this event, relay teams of 8 to 15 people take turns walking, jogging, or running laps around a track for a period of 12 hours. The relay teams will try to keep at least one representative of their team on the track throughout the entire event.

The Relay for Life, which supports the American Cancer Society, is a first-time event at Hamilton College. During the past few weeks, teams have been collecting donations and gathering sponsors to pledge money on their behalf. All of the money raised goes to the American Cancer Society and its mission of cancer research.

Event organizers Caitlin Foley '03 and Gabrielle (Abby) Markeson '04 expect between 150 and 175 people to attend, and are hoping for even more participants to arrive the day of the relay. There are 240 people signed up at present.

A typical team is comprised of a group of friends who enter as a unit, but many individual participants also signed up and were then organized into teams.

In holding this year's Relay for Life, Hamilton is apparently starting a trend among New York colleges. Foley reports that students from Syracuse University with an eye toward organizing a relay next year are being bussed in.

"We're excited because we didn't even know this until recently, but Hamilton is the first college in New York State to organize a Relay for Life," Foley commented.

Relay for Life participants are expecting to have a good time, in addition to making an important contribution to a good cause. Enthusiastic participant Dathalinn O'Dea '03, states, "My friend Alison Lin, who is a team captain, approached me. It seemed like fun and it's a great cause." O'Dea is also looking forward to "fun distractions like bands and movies" that will be occurring throughout the day and night.

Relay for Life began in 1985 when Dr. Gordy Klatt, a surgeon and an enthusiastic amateur runner, undertook a 24 hour walk/run in Tacoma, Washington in order to raise money for the American Cancer Society. For his efforts, Dr. Glatt covered an impressive 83 miles and was able to raise $27,000 for the American Cancer Society.

The following year, 220 supporters on 19 separate teams joined Dr. Klatt in his fight against cancer, and the American Cancer Society Relay for Life became a permanent part of the organization's fund-raising efforts.

During the past 17 years, 3,000 communities in the U.S. as well as communities in seven foreign countries have participated in Relay For Life. As is stated in the American Cancer Society web page, "what began as one man's statement in the fight against cancer has led to the development of a worldwide event to help banish cancer."

The American Cancer Society held its Relay For Life Celebration on the Hill on the National Mall in Washington, DC, on September 19, 2002 in order to honor the volunteers and cancer survivors who are at the forefront in the struggle to eradicate cancer.

The meeting was also a call for political action: volunteers representing cities and towns nationwide met with their elected officials to spread the word that cancer is a community issue, and a problem that touches everyone.

Organizers stress that Relay for Life is not an athletic event; everyone is encouraged to participate. Runners, couch potatoes, insomniacs and all others are all invited to contact Markeson (at gmarkeso) or Foley (at cafoley, ext. 3055) to sign up for an evening of exercise, fun and important community service.

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Arts & Entertainment

The Emerson Gallery's New Exhibit: Thomas Nast (1840-1902) "America in Black and White"

Alina Troya '04 shows you what there is to know about "America in Black and White."

"The Lightning Speed of Honesty," Harper's Weekly, November 24, 1877 Collection of Jay G. Williams

"President Lincoln Entering Richmond," Harper's Weekly, April 4, 1865 Collection of Jay G. Williams

From November 15, 2002 until January 5, 2003, the Emerson Gallery will be hosting an exhibition of 134 prints by Thomas Nast, entitled, "America in Black and White." Nast was one of America's first political cartoonists, and he is certainly the most famous. The main reason for this was the high level of influence Nast had on the political atmosphere of the time. From 1862 until 1886, he illustrated for Harper's Weekly, a well-respected political news magazine.

Nast did not only illustrate, he used his satirical cartoons to comment on the world around him. While he often criticized corrupt political leaders, he also helped others to get ahead in government. Every one of the presidential candidates he supported won the election. Nast illustrated during the periods of the Civil War and Reconstruction, and he was interested in many of the issues surrounding those events. In particular, he was concerned with liberty, justice and equality, as well as other moral issues, especially the relationship between blacks and whites at the time. As a Union supporter, Nast was against racism and prejudice, and his cartoons strongly represent his own personal views. It is also said that he set the stage for issues of national interest, and his thoughts shaped public opinion as a whole.

Nast's prime medium for his artwork came in the form of black and white woodblock engravings on newsprint. During the Civil War, many sketch artists traveled with the troops and sent their pictures back to magazines, where another artist would copy their drawings onto engraving boards for print. Nast, however, stayed in New York and made up his own pictures from what he saw of the other sketches and photographs. For this reason, his pictures are said to have been the most vivid. Also, Nast is known for having the most patriotic pictures in journalism, again, in support of the Union. Even Lincoln and Grant spoke of his cartoons as important aspects of the political climate. These pictures of the Civil War, as well as ones concerning the Era of Reconstruction, are found in the South Gallery. Reconstruction cartoons often attacked Johnson and called for justice in society. He helped Grant to win the presidency, and together, they battled racism in the South.

The West Gallery holds pictures dealing with the struggle against corruption. Nast commented against the KKK in the South, but he also saw the men's club known as Tammany Hall in New York City as a source of corruption. The Election of 1872 is another theme in the West Gallery. Nast released a number of cartoons in favor of Grant, a good friend of his by this time, as well as a number that denounced opponent Horace Greeley. Grant won the election.

The North Gallery is comprised of Political Icons. In addition to his social critiques, Nast is credited with having created our traditional images of Uncle Sam, Santa Claus, and the Republican elephant, as well as the Democratic donkey. A tiger was originally associated with the Democratic Party, but this was because it was the symbol Nast used for Tammany Hall in connection with the corrupted Boss William Tweed. They were unfavorable images, so they chose to keep the donkey. The lobby of the Gallery has some pieces from Nast's lighter side, including some pictures in the style of Van Gogh, as well as a baseball cartoon and some images of Santa Claus.

This retrospective exhibit of Thomas Nast's famous political cartoons is largely due to a Hamilton College Religious Studies Professor, Jay Williams. Williams is a collector of Nast's artwork; he has over 370 prints, books, and pamphlets. He selected the prints for the Gallery, and is responsible for the exhibit, both as the creator and the curator. The idea for this exhibit came about last year, when the Emerson Gallery hosted an exhibition of Nast's cartoons that included the image of Santa Claus, of which most of the prints also belonged to Williams. Williams and Acting Director Bill Salzillo spoke of their common interest in Nast's work, and together they created this year's exhibit, which is a more comprehensive display of the works Nast created, most of them from his time at Harper's Weekly. The exhibition will open with a lecture by Jay Williams, entitled "Deciphering Nast," on Friday, November 15, at 4:30pm in the Chapel. A related event will take place on Thursday, December 5, at 8pm, when satirical illustrator, Steve Brodner, will give a presentation in the Chemistry Auditorium.

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Winter Movie Preview

Movie News by Brian Sweeney '06

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Daniel Day Lewis and Leonardo DiCaprio in *Gangs of New York*: more untamed facial hair than you can handle.

It is usually the case that the summer is the time when the most exciting and worthwhile films are released. Yet one need only look at what the winter movie season has become to realize how completely untrue that statement is. This winter will feature a variety of releases that are simply put, must see films. Here I would like to close in on what may be the most interesting releases that moviegoers have to look forward to. A few of these will be huge crowd pleasing blockbusters; a few of these are smaller, deeper films that you may see become a Best Picture nominee at next year's Academy Awards. And a few of these will surely flop. If any of those above categories appeal to you, read on and get ready for the winter movie season to begin.

Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets
Opens November 15th
Director: Christopher Columbus
Cast: Daniel Radcliffe (Harry Potter), Rupert Grint (Ron Weasley), Emma Watson (Hermione Granger), Richard Harris (Dumbledore), Robbie Coltrane (Hagrid), Kenneth Branagh (Gilderoy Lockhart).

It is Harry Potter's second year at Hogwarts School for Witchcraft and Wizardry and something is not quite right. Something is attacking the students, petrifying them. Rumors abound that the legendary Chamber of Secrets has been opened and its monstrous contents are being controlled by a Hogwarts student. Harry, Ron, and Hermione set out to find who this student is and catch him before any more people are attacked.

Basically, this movie is going to be a gigantic hit no matter what. The first film did enormous business and, despite some negative critical reaction, it was received quite well by the public. This sequel is said to be darker, funnier, and more entertaining than the original. With the addition of Kenneth Branagh as the narcissistic Defense Against the Dark Arts teacher, Gilderoy Lockhart, Jason Isaacs (the villain from The Patriot) as the venomous Lucius Malfoy, and the computer generated House Elf named Dobby (a character that Columbus promises bears no resemblance to a certain infamous CGI creation from George Lucas) things are looking pretty good.

Die Another Day
Opens November 22nd
Director: Lee Tamahori
Cast: Pierce Brosnan (James Bond), Halle Berry (Jinx), Rick Yune (Zao), Judi Dench (M), John Cleese (Q).

In the 20th James Bond movie, the filmmakers have made an attempt to keep the plot-twists heavily guarded. There's one thing that you can be sure of: 007 will travel across the globe to try and prevent a deadly situation in this case a war, and will be aided along the way by many beautiful women. Do you really need any more information than that?

If you are a fan of the Bond movies, you might be interested to know that, in honor of the 40th anniversary of the series, there will be either a visual or a spoken reference to all 19 of the preceding films. You should have fun trying to find them. Also of note is that it has been said that this will be Brosnan's last time playing the secret agent. Who will replace him next and whether the series will keep on going remains to be seen. So enjoy this one, it could be the last.

Solaris
Opens November 27th
Director: Steven Soderbergh
Cast: George Clooney (Kris Kelvin), Natascha McElhone (Khari Kelvin), Jeremy Davis (Snow).

A psychologist is sent to a space station orbiting a planet called Solaris. Upon his arrival, he discovers that the commander of an expedition to the planet has died. Soon strange things begin to happen as old friends of the crew, even some who are dead, begin to appear.

This film, based on the novel by Stanislaw Lem, has quite a few things going for it. First and foremost is the pairing of Steven Soderbergh as director and James Cameron as producer. The last film Cameron produced ended up being the biggest movie of all time – I don't think I need to name it. Soderbergh has been producing hit after hit himself. It will be interesting to see him enter into the realm of science fiction. The young director is currently in a battle with the MPAA over the rating for the film. They gave it an R due to brief nudity from the rear. Soderbergh is arguing the rating, citing NYPD in his defense. Hopefully, he will win out.

Adaptation
Opens December 6th
Director: Spike Jonze
Cast: Nicolas Cage (Charlie Kaufman/Donald Kaufman), Meryl Streep (Susan Orlean/Orlean's Mother), Chris Cooper (John Laroche).

In this film screenwriter Charlie Kaufman attempts to adapt the non-fiction novel *The Orchid Thief* into a film. The novel tells the story of John Laroche, a plant seller who clones rare forms of orchids and then sells them. The movie will tell the story of the novel as Kaufman attempts to adapt it. Confused? If you aren't now you probably

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Viggo Mortenson, who plays Aragorn, is ready to raise hell in *The Two Towers.*

will be while watching the movie. Interestingly enough, the screenplay for *Adaptation* was written by none other than Charlie Kaufman, based on a novel by Susan Orlean.

This film was directed by *Being John Malkovich* director Spike Jonze. That should be enough to get you into a theater on December 6th. Go see it.

About Schmidt
Opens December 13th
Director: Alexander Payne
Cast: Jack Nicholson (Warren Schmidt), Hope Davis (Jeannie), Dermot Mulroney (Randall Hertzel).

Warren Schmidt has just retired and is unsure of his future. Just a little while after retiring, his wife passes away, leaving him to deal with his daughter's marriage to a man who he does not care for in the slightest, and the realization that his life is an utter failure – Sounds like fun!

This movie was directed by the man who brought us another of 1999's best films - *Election*. That, coupled with the fact that Jack Nicholson is starring, is probably a very good omen for this movie. It did well at the Cannes Film Festival, with Payne being nominated for the Golden Palm award (I don't know what that is, but it sure sounds good). On December 13th, you'll be faced with a tough decision – do you see this movie, the 10th *Star Trek* movie, or try and sneak into one of the screenings for *The Two Towers.* You could just refuse to decide and study for finals, but that would be pretty stupid considering what's being offered to you.

The Lord of the Rings: The Two Towers
Opens December 18th
Director: Peter Jackson
Cast: Elijah Wood (Frodo Baggins), Sean Astin (Samwise Gamgee), Andy Serkis (Gollum), Ian McKellan (Gandalf the White), Viggo Mortensen (Aragorn), Orlando Bloom (Legolas), John Rhys-Davis (Gimli and the voice of Treebeard), Billy Boyd (Pippin), Dominic Monaghan (Merry), Christopher Lee (Saruman), Miranda Otto (Eowyn), Bernard Hill (King Theoden).

In this, the continuation of the best movie of 2001, the story picks up right where it left us. Frodo and Sam have begun their journey to Mordor in hopes of destroying the One Ring, while Aragorn, Legolas and Gimli have gone to search for their captured friends, Merry and Pippin. Along the way, both groups pick up a wandering companion. In Frodo and Sam's case, it is the slithering creature Gollum. In Aragorn & company's case it is the newly reinstituted form of Gandalf. Both lead on, their paths winding towards two different but connected towers.

The fact that all three *Lord of the Rings* movies were filmed simultaneously bodes well for the series. Basically, that decision enabled Peter Jackson to make one 9 hour film just as Tolkien wrote one 1000 page story. The middle chapter of this huge film was altered most from the source material. Many fans may be unhappy to know that the infamous Shelob has been moved from the finale of *The Two Towers* to the beginning of *The Return of the King*. My only worry for the film is that there might be too little emphasis on Frodo and Sam's side of the story and too much on Aragorn's, as it may be the more exciting portion. However, if I've learned anything from last year, its that if there is a God his name is Peter Jackson, and I trust him. Even if you didn't like *The Fellowship of the Ring,* make sure you are in the theater on December 18th and ready for *The Two Towers.*

Gangs of New York
Opens December 20th
Director: Martin Scorcese
Cast: Leonardo DiCaprio (Amsterdam Vallon), Daniel Day-Lewis (Bill the Butcher), Cameron Diaz (Jenny Everdeane), Jim Broadbent (Boss Tweed).

In Manhattan during the 1860's, the Tammany Hall politicians rule as gang warfare begins to escalate. The two major gangs, one Irish, the other Italian, fight a deadly war against one another that leads to draft riots. While all of this is going on, Amsterdam Vallon seeks vengeance against Bill the Butcher, the man who killed his father.

This movie has been delayed for quite a while so that Scorcese can perfect it, and all I can say is that for the time that he's had, it had better be perfection. The cast seems pretty great, especially with Daniel Day-Lewis and Jim Broadbent. I'm a little unsure about taking DiCaprio seriously in a somewhat physical role. Anyway, this movie has a great story going for it, a great director and some really great actors. Hopefully all of those elements can combine to make something great.

Catch Me If You Can
Opens Christmas Day
Director: Steven Spielberg
Cast: Leonardo DiCaprio (Frank Abagnale, Jr.), Tom Hanks (Carl Hanratty), Christopher Walken (Frank Abagnale, Sr.).

This movie is based on a true story about a con artist able to go under many different false identities. DiCaprio plays that con, posing as an airline pilot, doctor, history professor and more, while cashing more than $6 million in fraudulent checks – all while he is still supposed to be in high school. Tom Hanks plays the FBI agent who tries as hard as he can to capture him.

This may seem like a pretty dramatic story, but from watching the trailers the tone is decidedly light-hearted and comic. Hanks seems to be having a ball playing a character with some sort of Boston accent and DiCaprio seems like he actually fits the part. Spielberg seems to be trying, yet again, to show the film community that he is not just a blockbuster director. The only thing this movie has going against it is the possibility of a Leo burnout – having two starring vehicles released within five days of each other.

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Torn Lace and other Stories

by Emilia Pardo Bazán

Between the sheets: book reviews by Taylor Fleming-Henning '04

Here's one for the random category: *Torn Lace and other Stories* by Emilia Pardo Bazán. It is an English translation of short stories by a Spanish writer. Sounds kinda boring, right? Well, it's not.

I first became acquainted with doña Emilia a year ago while studying 19th century Spanish literature in Madrid. Her stories, even in their original form (read: more difficult for me, the non-native speaker to comprehend), were so eloquent and poignant that I was immediately drawn in by her mastery of both language and subject. (I might add that Maria Cristina Varvela's translation mostly does justice to Emilia's skill, and certainly does not detract from it.) These female-centered, intelligent, dark and even often morbidly humorous tales came at a time in Spain when feminism was considered about as valid an issue as UFOs. However, in the way of Robert Randolph and Daniel, Emilia "pressed on." By her death in 1921, she had blessed the world with over 40 novels or novellas, 7 plays, 2 cookbooks, over 550 short stories, and countless essays. She was—in a word—prolific. Now if I only I could say that about myself.

Anyway, here's the part in which I attempt to convince you of the merit of this writer's work and try to motivate you to read her book. First and most importantly for the busy student/teacher/staff member, the novel lacks the need for commitment, so those with issues in that area of life need not fear, for it is a compilation of short stories, each of which can be read in a few minutes. Convinced that brief equals worthless? Well, just one of these weighty tales will impress you with its density. Don't hold it over your head, you might even be CRUSHED. Don't say I didn't warn you. One of my favorites is called *Feminist*; (Now don't get in a tyzzy about the tytle) It is about a woman known for her utter devotion to and the care of her husband. Sound good guys? Well, like your tighty whities, it's twisted. On their wedding night, her husband makes her don his trousers, saying that she should try them on now because "will never in [her] life put them on again," (123). However, when he later becomes ill, she attends him dutifully, so long as he sports her dainty petticoat. You know, now that I think about it, twisted is a great word to describe Pardo Bazán's work. There is another story called *Piña*, which is about a monkey who is abused by her mate. The allegory here needs no explanation. In Champagne, a woman is forced into prostitution by her husband because she drunkenly divulged how she really felt about their arranged marriage. Despite the depressing nature and the unattractive verisimilitude of Pardo Bazan's tales, her telling of them is tongue-in-cheek, and she discretely makes jabs at the dysfunction and absurdity of society which are as valid today as they were a century ago.

For the extra academic reader, try the introduction by the expert on Emilia Pardo Bazán, Joyce Tolliver. Her comments will add extra insights into the social world into which these incredible stories were born and you will be extra appreciative of her accomplishment in both the literary world and the political one. Emilia Pardo Bazán is fantastic, but don't take my word for it. I'll give you a hint: PQ6629.A7 A613 1996. I'll have it back in by Monday. Oh yeah, and say hi to Alex for me.

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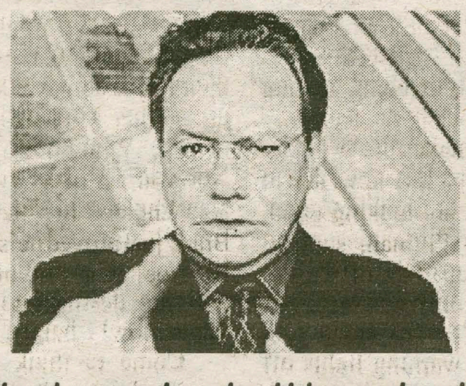

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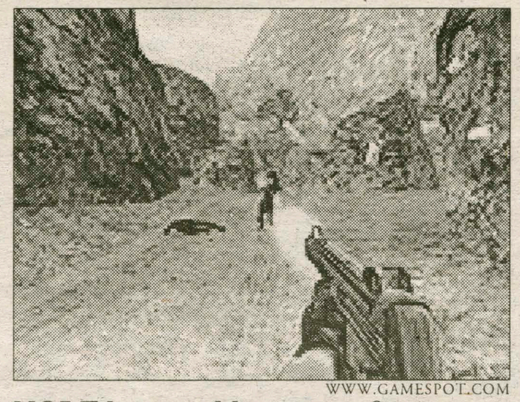

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NOLF lets you blast your afternoon away. If you're looking for some first-person shooter action, pick it up at the Sangertown Mall.

Lara Croft has been hailed as the best female character ever developed for a first-person shooter (FPS) game. The game's popularity grabbed Hollywood's attention and turned her into a movie star. That makes me wonder why Lara Croft is the only female character I can recall off the top of my head. Apparently I am not the only one who is contemplating the issue.

Monolith Productions came up with *No One Lives Forever: A spy in HARM's way* (NOLF). Published by Sierra, NOLF enables gamers to walk in the shoes of a British Secret Agent, Cate Archer, who is licensed to kill (sounds like James Bond, doesn't it?). Not surprisingly, the ultimate goal of the game is to uncover a secret Soviet project that could mean the start of the Third World War.

The graphics are simply awesome. Vehicles, weapons and characters are realistically done (great job, Monolith). Agent Archer is designed to look like a harmless young lady who conceals her skills in the deadly art. Sound effects are also brilliantly done, and Cate's sweet British accent adds flavor to the game. Cate's arch enemy is an organization named HARM (now you know where the tagline comes from.) Magnus Armstrong acts as Cate's right hand in her quest. A former HARM member, Magnus is not only a valuable asset for Cate, but with his fancy clothing he also makes the cast more colorful.

There is a variety of weapons and tools at Cate's disposal, from pistols to sub-machine guns and tranquilizers to rocket launchers disguised as briefcases. Moreover, she has a lipstick equipped with a mini-camera, a compact with a code breaking device installed and hairspray that can be used to weld through door locks and hinges. (I always wanted to play around with agent toys.)

Unlike many other FPS games, NOLF puts more emphasis on stealth. (It is an espionage game, right?) There are two meters on the heads up display that measure how much noise the agent is making and how noticeable the agent is at night. Effective use of these two gadgets is essential if you want to keep Cate alive on the field. In fact, as she gains experience, she gets training points which can be used to increase her skills including stealth, handling firearms, espionage, etc.

The golden rule in avoiding detection behind enemy lines: clean up your mess after getting your hands dirty. This means if you kill an enemy soldier, move it to a location where guards will not see it. Remember, you don't have to kill all of the bad guys. Only kill the ones that are in your way.

Another cool feature of NOLF is the ability to search bodies. If you kill an enemy soldier, you can pick up their weapons right away. However, if you are looking for extra ammo clips or intelligence information, then you have to search the body (which takes some time), during which your agent is defenseless. This adds more to the already realistic of the game.

Graphics: 90%
Music & Sound Effects: 95%
Originality: 80%
Creativity: 90%
Reviewers Tilt: 95%
Overall Game Rating: 92%

Lara Croft, your crown is under fire by a spy in HARM's way.

Hamilton Performing Arts to Present Limón Dance Company

Clinton, N.Y. - Hamilton College Performing Arts continues its Contemporary Voices and Visions series with a performance by the Limón Dance Company on Friday, Nov. 8, at 8 p.m. in Wellin Hall on the Hamilton College campus. This performance is a project of the Mohawk Valley Dance Partnership, which includes the Munson-Williams-Proctor Arts Institute, Hamilton College and the Central New York Community Arts Council Arts in Education Institute.

Over the last three decades, the Limón Dance Company has pioneered the creation of a unique repertory that gives our audience an overview of some of the best and most important choreography, new and old, in the dance world. The outstanding classic works of creator/founder José Limón and other master artists complement the exciting new creations that we commission each year. These works extend the Limón legacy, contributing to a veritable treasure house of dance works. Now in its 55th year, the Company is the living legacy of the movement technique and philosophy of theater developed by José Limón and his mentors, Doris Humphrey and Charles Weidman. Their innovative works have been recognized as great masterworks of American dance. Since Limón's death, the Company has produced over 50 works by more than 30 choreographers.

The Hamilton performance will feature the pieces *The Moor's Pavane*, *Psalm*, *If Winter*, and a new work titled *Phantasy Quintet*. First performed in 1949 and choreographed by José Limón, *The Moor's Pavane* is set in the form of a pavane and other dances of the high Renaissance. In his choreographic notes, Limón wrote these words regarding *Psalm*, "The choreographic treatment as I envision it would be an evocation of the heroic power of the human spirit, triumphant over death itself. The objective is to achieve dramatic power through abstract choreographic visions." If *Winter*, choreographed by Billy Siegenfeld (2001), is set to jazz music and was created as part of the Limón and Jazz series. Hamilton College will also be the site of the preview performance of *Phantasy Quintet*, choreographed by Adam Houglan and set to the music of Ralph Vaughn Williams.

This performance is a project of the Mohawk Valley Dance Partnership and is made possible by the New York State DanceForce which receives major sponsorship from the New York State Council on the Arts and Philip Morris Companies, Inc. Additional support is provided by The Chase Manhattan Foundation. Administered by Dance Theater Workshop and Danspace Project, DanceForce programs include artist residencies, community outreach activities and dance programming that link artists and communities across New York State. This tour is also funded by the National Dance Project of the New England Foundation for the Arts, with lead funding from the National Endowment for the Arts and the Doris Duke Charitable Foundation. Additional funding is provided by the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation and Philip Morris Companies, Inc.

Tickets for this concert are $15 adult, $10 seniors, and $5 students. Tickets are available from the Hamilton College box office at 859-4331, the Munson-Williams-Proctor box office at 797-0055 or the Stanley Performing Arts Center at 724-4000.

Your guess is as good as mine

ANDY HORNER '03
MANAGING EDITOR

Go ahead and make a prediction in the NFL. Just try and pick a team to win in any given game this Sunday. Doesn't seem like too hard a task, right? Take that Lions-Packers matchup for instance. Green Bay comes in with that flashy 7-1 record coming off a dominant performance against a QB-less Miami squad. Detroit, limping along at 3-5, is looking like a fawn caught in the high beams of an eighteen-wheeler doing about 85, right? Well if I were you, I'd take that 100 bucks you're about to throw down on the Packers and put it back under your mattress with the Playboys and the freshman face book.

Back in Week 2, the New Orleans Saints smacked Brett Favre (pronounced Fav-Reh) and his squad 35-20 to establish themselves as legit in the NFC. Two weeks later, that same "established" Saints team went to Detroit and handed the Lions their first win of the season by dropping a 26-21 decision. Funny how that works, huh?

And it doesn't end there. Last week the absolutely terrible New York Jets saddled up their shiny new QB, Chad Pennington, told Curtis Martin to dust off his cleats (oops no, they let Martin keep the dust...the ball went to LaMont Jordan for 107 yards...well done, LaMont!) and went into San Diego to knock off the 6-1 Chargers. The Jets were 2-5 at the time. The final score was 44-13. If that makes sense to you, then you are either insane, or the guy at Giants Stadium who stands up in his fireman hat and leads the New York crowd in that damn-cool "J-E-T-S, Jets, Jets, Jets!" chant.

The Miami Dolphins started the season at 5-1, and looked like the AFC East front-runners after they downed the Broncos in a game at Mile High (yes, to me it is still just Mile High) in which Olindo Mare won the game on a 53-yard field goal with six seconds left. This was, of course, 39 seconds after the Broncos' Jason Elam booted a 55-yarder through the uprights to give Denver the lead. Well, as it turned out, Miami QB Jay Fiedler broke his throwing thumb at some point in the fourth quarter in the brawl of a game. Long story short, Feidler goes to the sideline for 4-6, backup Ray Lucas steps in and throws six interceptions in two games, and the 'Fins slide back into the middle of the pack in the AFC.

The list keeps going. How about over in Oakland, where the fans are scarier than Sebastian Janakowski on Ecstasy? In starting the season 4-0, the Raiders looked like the most ridiculous offensive machine since a guy named Dick Vermeil realized that a guy named Marshall Faulk should probably get the ball a lot because he's a pretty good football player (yes, that's the required shot at Mike Martz for this article). The Week 6 matchup between the undefeated Raiders and the winless St. Louis Rams seemed like the no-brainer of the century. Team with offense that can't be stopped meets team with defense that can't be seen. Points on the way, and plenty of them, right? Right. For St. Louis. The Rams roll, 28-13, as Martz pulls his head out of his ass and allows Faulk to run free for 158 yards. And the Raiders proceed to go away faster than a freshman girl who suddenly realizes why that senior DU brother offered to walk her home from Good Girls/Bad Guys (aw, who are we kidding, the Raiders went away a lot sooner than 6AM the next morning). In other words, they haven't won since, and now stand at 4-4. Ain't nobody talking about that offense anymore.

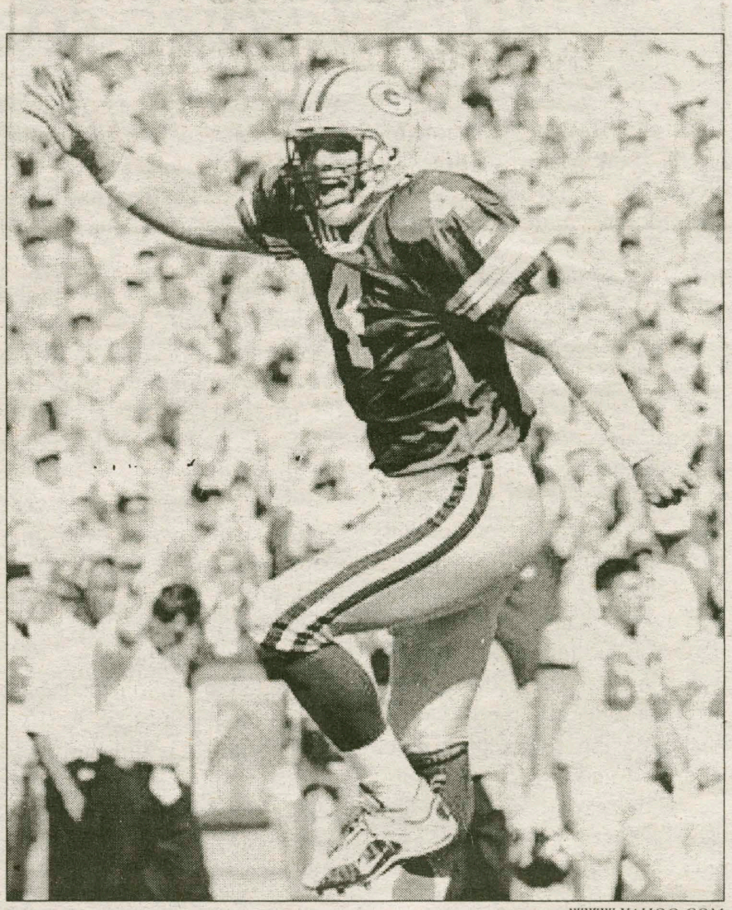
So whom are we supposed to be talking about as the dominant team? Who are the morons on sports talk radio (yep, that includes me) anointing as the next Super Bowl champion? Well, there are the Packers. They are 7-1, after all. But there's that loss to the Saints lurking, and that was back before Favre was wearing a knee brace the size of Wisconsin on that roughed up leg of his. Besides, all those injuries on the defense have to catch up at some point, right? So what else has the league got to offer?

The 6-2 Chargers got blown to bits by the Jets. That rules them out as "best team" in my book. The Broncos have looked good at times, but that defense is suspect and with three great running backs, three 100+ yard rushing performances isn't gonna cut it. Besides, isn't Griese due for another Saturday afternoon of drinking some Coors Light and falling down his driveway and tripping over his dog? Refusing to pick a team with a moron for a quarterback, we move on.

In the rest of the AFC, we've already talked about the Dolphins and their little QB problem. There's Pittsburgh in the Central, and they have "The Bus". Bill Cowher, however, seems to be electing to instead go with backup Amos Zereoue regardless of the health of Jerome. Earth to Mr. Cowher. You've got a big back and a smaller back. Do the words "full back and half back" ring a bell? If the schmuck could suddenly grow a brain and stick Bettis and Zereoue in there together, the 'Burgh would be my pick outta the AFC, especially with their wimpy second-half schedule. As it stands, the Steelers are disqualified due to a coach who doesn't know his ass from his elbow and a quarterback who, no matter what any Steelers fan says, is not really a quarterback at all.

The AFC South is a joke; I refuse to speak on it.

Over in the NFC, besides the Packers, there are some mighty good football teams. Any worthy of that elusive "best team" title? Let's start in the East, where the Eagles of Philadelphia play. This one is tough. They've got a defense to die for, without a doubt. Duce Staley is an above-average back who is constantly a threat to break himself off a long run. And then there is Donovan McNabb and his absurd contract. McNabb is an amazing player, no doubt about it. Fun to watch, I'll agree. But Donovan only completes 56.7 percent of his passes. Ten quarterbacks in the NFC alone make the ball go into the receiver's hands more often than the Philly QB.



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Even with an injury, Favre (4) is playing well for Green Bay this season, but well enough?

This list includes such gems as Rodney Peete (the best argument for recycling I've ever seen), Jim Miller, and Kerry Collins. Kerry Collins, for Peete's sake. Nice play on names, right? No quarterback who hit his man less frequently than Rodney Peete is gonna lead his team through the playoffs no matter how great a scrambler he is. Sorry, Philly.

Over in San Francisco they've got a nice team put together. Garcia can sure throw the ball, and Terrell Owens can sure catch it. Hearst and Barlow form a nasty 1-2 punch in the backfield. The defense isn't dominant, but it gets the job done. So what's the problem? Owens is a jerk, that's what the problem is. The pen trick was cute, but champs don't act like that. Champs are far more interested in winning football games than signing footballs for their financial advisors while participating in a football game. So instead of the "moron factor", let's call it the "jerk factor" that disqualifies the Niners from being getting my vote as tops in the league.

Gruden makes his "Chucky face" in Tampa Bay now, and at 7-2 the Bucs are looking good. But Michael Pittman, supposedly the pickup of the offseason, is averaging only 3.5 yards per carry. I don't know about you, but that sets warning lights off all over the place in my mind. Besides, they're averaging 22.6 points per game. That's the lowest of any division leader in the whole league. And as nasty as that defense is, the offense needs to do its job on a more regular basis. For lack of offense, the men with pirates on their helmets cannot be the best.

The Saints lost to the Lions. That's bad. And with Favre and his knee ahead of them and Michael Vick and the Falcons breathing down their back (having beat the Saints once already), I am not prepared to even say that the Saints will make the playoffs. So sorry New Orleans. Enjoy Baron Davis and your new basketball team, and get back to me after Week 11 when the Saints get to play the Falcons again. Then, perhaps we can talk like men.

And that should just about do it I think. If I haven't mentioned your team and you think I should have, I apologize. Falcons fans might have a legitimate beef, but how far can that team really go on Vick's arm (and legs)? Your guess is as good as mine. And that is the whole point. There's no clear favorite, and anyone's guess is as good as anyone else's.

The Packers might go all the way, or the Titans might poke their heads above .500 and cook up another Music City Miracle or two. Who knows? Not me. Not you. Unless you're from New England, in which case Tom Brady just proved he's better than Bledsoe, thus proving that the Pats are destined to repeat as Super Bowl Champs.

Come to think of it, that sounds about as likely to happen as anything else in this crazy league. There, I said it. Now please stop trying to find out where I pahk my cah so you can shoot its tires out. Please.

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NCAA football bowl selection still flawed

BCS leaves some qualified teams behind

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Every year near the end of October, the Bowl Championship Series rankings, often times referred to as the BCS, are released. Two months later, at the end of December, an elite college football team is left without a chance to win the Sears Division I National College Football Championship.

The BCS, created in the mid-1990's, is a system that ranks Division I college football teams based on their record, the strength of their schedule, the record of the opposing teams they play, and their rankings from various news and expert sources. The Bowl Selection Committee uses these rankings to determine which teams play in specific bowl games, and in turn, determine the national champion.

Division I college football is the only level of college football that does not use a tournament system to decide its champion. While the #1 and #2 ranked teams play in a major bowl game for the national championship, it is ultimately the writers chosen by the Associated Press who decide the champion.

For years, conferences were aligned with bowls to determine who played where, and independent bowls were allowed to choose from amongst the remaining Division I schools which were not invited to the conference affiliated bowl games.

This idea of letting the bowls determine and choose which teams played where was decided to be archaic. The independent bowls were blamed for not giving teams who had outstanding seasons from smaller conferences an invitation. Instead, the bowls often gave nationally recognized colleges and universities who had sub-par years the invitation because they would have a stronger fan base and would have more people watching when the game was televised.

Also, in most years, the invitation system gave a cloudy picture of who the national champion should be. Often the two teams who were determined to be the top teams in the country would not play each other because they would have to play in the bowl game their conference was affiliated with. Sportswriters were forced to choose the top team amongst many qualified and often undefeated teams.

Instead of turning to the tournament format to choose the national championship game and losing the massive amounts of money the bowl games bring in, the NCAA turned to the BCS system. Each year the #1 ranked team and the #2 ranked team must play each other in a predetermined major bowl. This system was created in response to the questions about the fairness of the former approach. Not only has the BCS system not provided an answer to this problem, it has often times created more problems.

Because of the way the system is set up, teams that suffer losses early in the season are rewarded for finishing strong and teams that suffer losses later in the season are punished for the mistakes the team had not made until recently.

This system also works poorly in the reverse manner as well. A team that loses early in the season, before they can find the proper game strategy that works for them, automatically has no shot at a national championship if two teams finish the year undefeated, no matter how good the team with the early defeat is playing at the moment.

The BCS also punishes small conference teams who have excellent seasons. A few years ago a very good BYU team finished the regular season undefeated, but because of their small conference schedule they were kept outside of the BCS' top rankings. Because of those rankings they were not allowed to play for the national championship even though a team playing in the finals, Oklahoma, had already lost a game during that regular season.

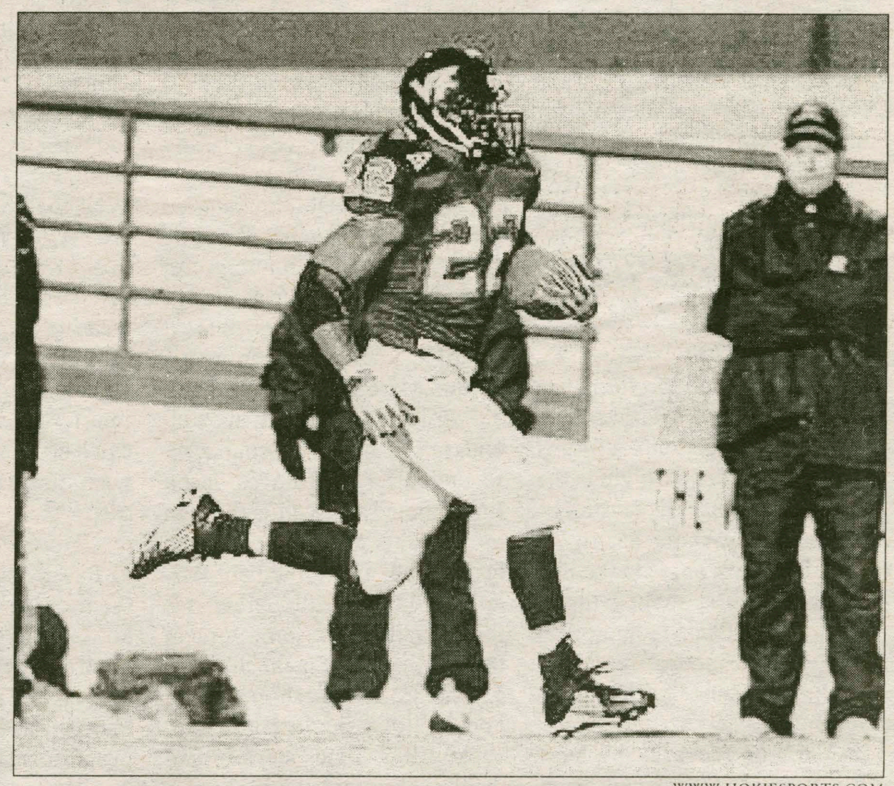
In this current season, the Iowa University Hawkeyes lost a big lead early in the season for their only loss of the year. Over the span of the last three months they have registered impressive victory after impressive victory, but they most likely not be able to play for the national championship, because there are still three undefeated teams ahead of them in the BCS rankings.

Also this year a very good Virginia Tech Hokies football team lost their best player in a game against the Pittsburgh Panthers. The Hokies ended up losing a very close game, and possibly their hopes at a national championship.

These unfortunate circumstances for two superb football teams will keep each from reaching every college football player's dream. These are not the only instances of problems with the BCS. Every year five or six obviously qualified teams are left without the opportunity to play for the Sears Trophy. After seeing the extreme success NCAA Division I college basketball has with their tournament "March Madness," one wonders why football would not do the same. Are the people who run the sport just that greedy and selfish? Are they too greedy to allow a young adult to live out his college football fantasy?

I see an easy solution to this problem that I believe has not yet been discussed. There seem to be an overload of bowl games every year, too many for the average football fan to maintain interest in throughout the entire bowl process. An easy solution would be to adopt a cross between the bowl system and the tournament system. Drawing a 32-team field based on conference champions and at-large bids could be developed. The BCS ranking system, much like the RPI system used in college basketball, could be used to rank the teams and could also be used as a tool when the tournament committee chooses their at-large bids. This single-elimination tournament would consist of 31 games, culminating in a national championship game for the Sears Trophy. The early games could be the smaller bowl games. A first-round bowl game between the Nebraska Cornhuskers and the BYU Cougars could be the Humanitarian Bowl. As the rounds progress, they take the name of more elite bowl games until the final game is played on a rotating basis of the major bowls, just as the system does now. The 2002 national championship game could be the Tostitos Fiesta Bowl, while the 2003 game could be the Federal Express Orange Bowl.

With all of its problems, the BCS system will remain in place for the current season and once again deserving teams like Iowa and Virginia Tech will not be able to play for the National Championship. Placing the determination of a national champion into the hands of sportswriters is a mistake. Let the student-athlete, who has practiced for months and years for this opportunity, create his own future on the gridiron.



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Virginia Tech's Lee Suggs (22) is one of the nation's top backs.

Women's X-C finishes tenth

by Michael Everhart '03
SPORTS WRITER

The women's cross-country team finished tenth at the NESCAC Championships, hosted by Tufts University. Williams and Middlebury, the number one and number two ranked teams in the country, finished first and second. Trinity, Wesleyan, and Bowdoin are ranked nationally. The Continentals finished with 242 points, 18 behind Connecticut College and 18 in front of Colby.

Coach Ellen Hull said, "Finishing tenth was disappointing, but NESCAC's isn't as important as other meets. The NESCAC is one of the most competitive conferences in the country. If we had run slightly faster we could've finished several spots higher."

Leading the team were Alyson Grant '04 and Julianna Allport '05, who finished 37th and 38th with times of 19:36.15 and 19:37.2, respectively. Christine Campbell '04, in only her second meet of the season, finished 47th with a time of 19:45.9.

Keira Moore '06 remarked, "NESCAC's was not one of our better meets. We battled injuries, illness, and poor conditions. It doesn't reflect our season." Rounding out the team's top five were Sarah Taylor '03 and Margo Rockwell '05, who finished 64th and 67th with times of 20:08.14 and 20:16.36, respectively. Moore finished 84th with a time of 20:39.12. The trio of Courtney Chapman '05 and Katie Riposta '06 and Heather King '06 finished 98th, 100th, and 102nd. Moore said, "We were pretty disappointed at first, but then we looked at the results and noticed how close the scores were."

Amanda Chase '03 and Ruth Leoniuk '05 finished 117th and 121st with times of 21:42.43 and 21:46.19, while Courtney Johnson '06 rounded out the team by finishing 126th with a time of 22:28.6.

Tomorrow the team travels to Oswego State for the NYSCTC Championships. There will be 15 teams competing, including rivals St. Lawrence, Geneseo, and Ithaca. Some of the team's top runners will not be competing.

Hull said, "The Oswego course is very flat but pretty slow with plenty of turns; we're looking forward to the good weather forecasted, although it's usually pretty windy. This will be the last meet for some of the runners."

Next week the team will see all of the NYSCTC teams and a few more at the NCAA Atlantic Regional Cross Country Championships, which is the qualifier for the NCAA Championships in Minnesota. Moore said, "I'm really excited about this weekend. I think we're going to bounce back from NESCAC's and do really well."

Struggles continue: Conts fall apart in 3rd

by Charles Spiliotis '03
Sports Editor

The Hamilton football team showed flashes of brilliance this past Saturday in the season's final home game, but in the end it just wasn't enough. After playing the 3-4 Middlebury Panthers tight for the entire first half, the Panthers exploded early in the third on their way to a 41-21 final.

"When you're a young team, you're going to make mistakes," said head coach Pete Alvanos. "The question is whether you can rally after those mistakes. In the first half, we were able to rally, and in the second half we weren't." He continued, "I give our kids all the credit in the world. After they came out and stumbled in the second half, they could have just thrown in the towel, but they never quit, and scored a couple in the fourth quarter."

Hamilton opened the game with turnovers on each of its first two possessions: a Brandon Holtslag '06 interception followed by an Elijah Huling '04 fumble.

After an impressive defensive stand by the Continentals at their 20 yard line in the Panther's first possession, the Hamilton fumble at its fifteen led to a 7-0 Middlebury lead.

The ensuing Hamilton drive was one of its best of the year, an eleven play, 69 yard trek taking just over five minutes. Rookie running back James Trummer '06 carried the bulk of the load, carrying five times for 27 tough yards on the drive, before Holtslag hit tight end Charles Gorra '04 for a 14 yard touchdown . Pete Simon's ('05) extra point was good, knotting the contest at 7-7.

The rest of the first quarter and much of the second was a defensive struggle, as neither team would give up any ground. Finally, midway through the second quarter, Hamilton put together another eleven play drive, highlighted by three more connections from Holtslag to Gorra totaling 30 yards. But as Hamilton found itself with a fourth and a foot on the Middlebury 24 yard line, a questionable play call led to an incomplete pass from Holtslag to Gorra, and the Panthers took over on downs.

Middlebury made quick work of the Hamilton defense, as quarterback Mike Keenan charged the Panthers down the field and found wide receiver Denver Smith for a 17 yard touchdown and a 14-7 halftime lead.

Alvanos said, "I don't know if the score at the end of the half really hurt our confidence or not. Our kids still seemed really pumped up in the locker room."

At the beginning of the second half, everything that could have gone wrong for the Continentals did. After taking the kickoff to start the third quarter, Middlebury running back Bill Lazzaro rushed for 18 yards on first down, and two plays later took a handoff and rambled 64 yards for the touchdown.

Then, after a Holtslag fumble, Keenan found Tom Cleaver for a 25 yard touchdown to push the Panther lead to 27-7. But the Panthers weren't done. On the ensuing possession, Huling took a handoff and darted 65 yards down the left sideline before being brought down at the Middlebury 11 yard line. But the next play, Holtslag was intercepted again, and cornerback Craig Schuette returned it 77 yards for another touchdown. One more third quarter touchdown made it a 41-7 game.

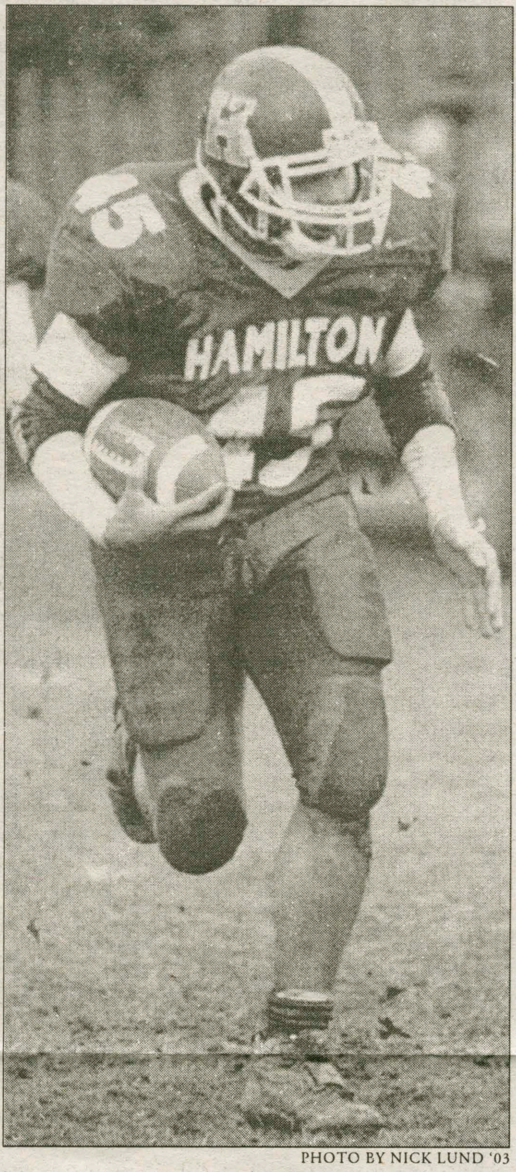
PHOTO BY NICK LUND '03
Elijah Huling (45) in the backfield.

"Effort is not an issue for us, we're fine in that area," said defensive coordinator John Keady. "Our difficulty is when we get down and we don't get help from some calls that should be made. Things just steamroll for us when we get tired, and in the second half we clearly were a little worn out."

Defensive standouts for the Continentals included Sam Bowlby '04, who's played hard all year long and added nine tackles this week despite a shoulder injury that has kept him from practicing this week. His 24 solo tackles and 40 assists rank him second in the NESCAC, a rarity at the defensive tackle position. Defensive backs Jasen Wright '03 and Pete Simon '05 each added seven tackles for the Continentals in the loss.

Hamilton's two fourth quarter scores came with Greg LiVigne '05 at the helm. The sophomore quarterback completed eight of eighteen passes for 99 yards and two touchdowns, while gaining 20 more on the ground. Gorra caught one more in the fourth quarter, capping his six catch, 61 yard effort. Sean Thorsen '05 caught the final touchdown, a 19 yard score with 3:32 left. Huling finished the day with 13 carries for 80 yards, while Trummer registered 14 for 48.

The season finale for Hamilton football will be Saturday at Bates College. The 2-5 Bobcats come in riding the momentum of a 42-28 win over Bowdoin in which senior running back Sean Atkins ran for 298 yards and a whopping seven touchdowns, both school records. The Bates-Hamilton struggle last year led of course to the season's only victory for the Conts, a 22-13 hard-fought "W" on Steuben Field. This year, the Conts will face an improved Bobcat team anchored around Atkins.

"I think it's going to come down to our ability to get them into long yardage situations," said Keady. "If we can reduce their success on first and second downs, we can force them to throw the ball downfield, and that plays to our advantage."

Alvanos added, "Atkins had a really good week last week, and he has really good deceiving speed. We controlled him last year by not allowing him to get any real seams, and we'll try to do that again." He went on, "On offense, I think we're going to not go inside as much, try to get out on the perimeter-running the option or throwing the ball more. Our guys know this is it.

They're going to wake up Sunday and hand their gear in, there won't be any practice. I just feel bad for the seniors, for the younger guys, their day will come. I'm not worried about that. But to give the seniors a win, that'd be great for our kids. They've earned it."

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Sports

Women's soccer faces a tough post season

by Josh Sargen '03
SPORTS WRITER

It is almost here. Hamilton women soccer's biggest game in years. This Saturday, the Continentals travel to Union to participate in the UCAA tournament.

However, before the team could complete their regular season, they had two remaining home contests, one against eighth ranked SUNY Oneonta and the other versus Manhattanville.

The Continentals came out roaring against a highly touted Oneonta team. Hamilton grabbed the lead twenty-five minutes into the game when Kate Arnold '04 blasted a beautiful shot from directly outside the right corner of the eighteen-yard box passed the Red Dragon keeper.

Throughout the first half, Hamilton controlled the pace of play and stayed primarily down on the Oneonta side of the field. The shot tally was 6-3 in favor of the Continentals and was indicative of the way the game went during the first forty-five minutes.

Nevertheless, Oneonta came out of halftime playing a different type of soccer. The Red Dragons dominated the second half and tied the game early, at the fifty-five minute mark. After ninety minutes of play, the game was tied 1-1.

In the first overtime, the Continentals team that handled Oneonta successfully in the first half reappeared and took control of the game.

Despite their dominance, the game remained tied. The referees determined after the first overtime that it was too dark to complete the game and finalized the 1-1 score.

A 1-1 tie against the eighth ranked team in the country is not disappointing, but losing one of your top players to injury at a crucial point in your season is. Mara Dropkin-Frank '05, one of the team's premier offensive weapons, sprained her ankle in the first half and was sidelined for the remainder of the game. Coach Colette Gilligan explained, "There is a huge possibility Mara won't play on Saturday. She tells me she'll play, but who knows?"

Following a strenuous tie against a national powerhouse, the Continentals had a chance to enjoy themselves last Saturday during parent's weekend and Senior Day when Manhattanville visited Love Field. This game was a mismatch from the start. Even though Hamilton looked sluggish in the opening minutes of the game, the team scored early and often in route to a 3-0 victory. Liz Hill '03 fittingly opened the offensive barrage with a goal thirteen minutes into the game. Fifteen minutes later, fellow senior Roxanne Hoek set up teammate Liz Roberts '06 for the Continental's second goal of the game. Finally, in the second half, Hoek scored her first collegiate goal to wrap up the scoring and complete a phenomenal stretch in which she was named Conference Player of the Week.

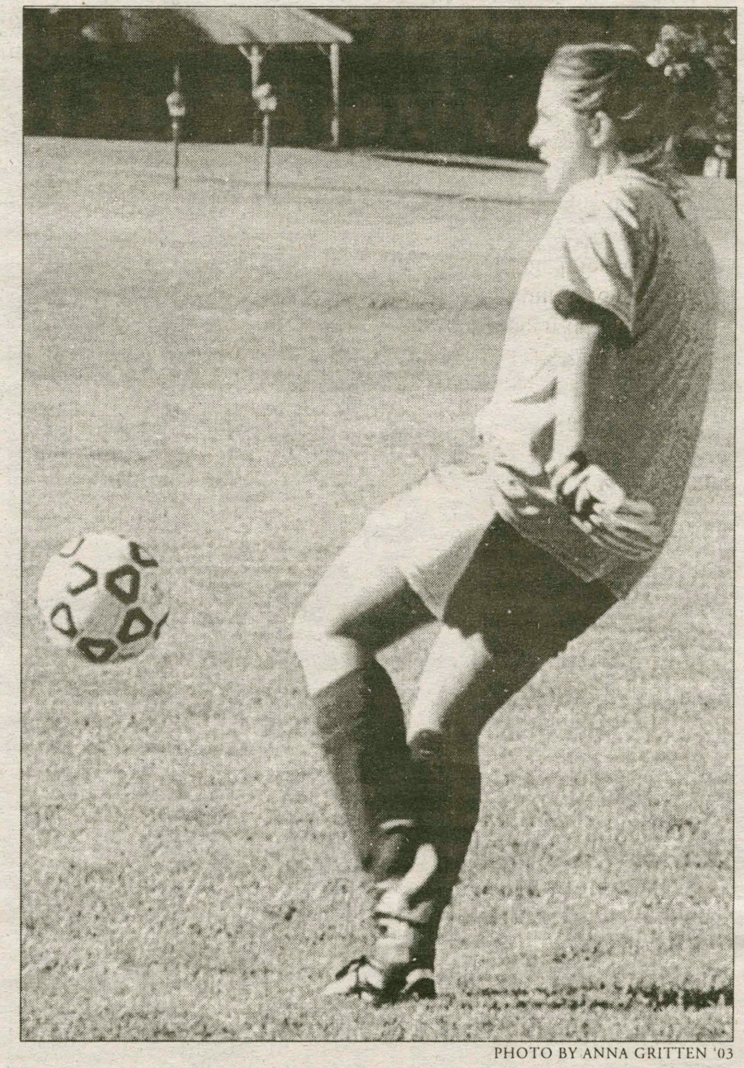

PHOTO BY ANNA GRITTEN '03

Jen Muñoz prepares for showdown with Union.

Coach Gilligan summed up the meaning of the game saying, "This game was good for our spirits. It was a good way to end the season. There were a lot of smiling faces out there."

Now the Continentals have completed a quality regular season in which they finished with a 7-4-3 record. However, their post-season starts this Saturday with a difficult game against Union on the Dutchwomen's home field. The teams have faced off once this season with Union grinding out a 1-0 victory.

The score represents how close the game actually was and the Continentals had numerous offensive opportunities they did not capitalize on. That game was, of course, in the regular season, and this is a totally different season. Coach Gilligan knows her team is the underdog going into the tournament. However, she likens playing the Continentals to facing another well-known underdog.

"It's like playing Gonzaga in basketball. No one thinks they'll lose to Gonzaga, but they do."

Continentals head to Saint Lawrence for UCAAs

by Andy Horner '03
MANAGING EDITOR

For Hamilton's men's soccer team, an up-and-down season has come down to one weekend. The Continentals (9-3-1, 4-3), ranked as high as eighth in the country earlier in the campaign, now must emerge victorious from the four-team UCAA tournament that will be played at Saint Lawrence University. The Saints finished tops in the conference, and will play the fourth-ranked team from Hobart in the first round of the tourney. Hamilton, on the other hand, goes in ranked third, and will need to overcome the second-seeded Brewers from Vassar in order to advance to the championship game. The Continentals were on the short end of a 2-0 regular season contest against the Brewers earlier this season during a two-game losing streak that dropped them out of contention for tops honors in the UCAA.

"I've always felt you can learn just as much from a win as from a loss," said Hamilton head coach Perry Nizzi. "That said, I sort of like the idea of going in and playing a team that beat us...a lot of the time it is tough to beat a team twice in one season."

Added to that trend is the fact that the Continentals will have a healthy Huy Huynh '03 to anchor their defense from the sweeper position. When last the two teams met, Hunyh was playing injured if he was playing at all, so the Vassar forwards are sure to have a harder time putting shots on goal.

If and when they do, however, they will then have the added challenge of sneaking the ball past UCAA Rookie of the Week Anthony Tripicchio '06, who will get the start in goal for the Continentals. Tripicchio performed admirably in Hamilton's final regular season contest against SUNY Geneseo, allowing only one goal in Hamilton's thrilling double overtime victory. He played nearly 109 minutes between the pipes for the Continentals in that match, making six saves, including a game-saving stop in the closing second of the first overtime.

If not for the stellar play of a goalie making his first career collegiate start, Hamilton's leading scorer, Sky Gellatly '03, would never have been able to put Geneseo away nearly nine minutes later.

"Not that Lars [Hedberg '05] and Greg [Zalasky '04] haven't done an outstanding job," explained Nizzi, "we just really like what he was doing out there. He's been under some pressure before, so we felt that maybe it would be something he would look at in a different way."

Indeed, Tripicchio has some experience in pressure games. In four years Tripicchio compiled an eye-popping record of 50-1 for a very competitive soccer program at the Pingry School.

Despite this, the fact remains that Saturday's game will be only his second start for the Continentals. For this reason, Nizzi stressed the importance of the defense making sure that the neophyte keeper isn't tested too often. In front of Huynh will be the regular defensive crew of Jared Fox '03, James Parke '04, and Andy Vermilyea '04.

"Defensively, we really need to step it up," Nizzi said. "I think a healthy Huy Huynh will certainly make a difference. Fox, Parke and Vermilyea really have to focus and they need to have a huge weekend. They are capable of holding their own against any forwards in the league."

However, the defense has gotten into trouble when Hamilton's midfielders and forwards have failed to mark their men who cross the midfield. Because of this, Nizzi is stressing a return to the defensive mindset that carried the Continentals through the early part of the season.

"As we've gotten better and more skilled at attacking," said Nizzi, "it's been taking concentration off of our defense. If this team focuses on defense first, we can have a successful weekend."

At this point, the only weekend that can be considered a success for this Hamilton team is one that results in a conference championship and the automatic bid to the NCAA tournament that comes with it. The Big Dance is the ultimate goal, and it is highly unlikely that the Continentals would receive one of the at-large bids should they fail to capture the UCAA crown.

Armed with the dangerous scoring trio of Gellatly, Wes Sherman '04, and Dimitry Maurice '04, the Continentals should be able to score enough goals to put themselves in a position to win. Midfield playmakers Mike Thompson '03 and Mike Galante '04 have proven that they know how to get the ball to the forwards so that they can get great scoring opportunities, and jack-of-all-trades Pete Smithson '03 has been able to fill any holes in the Hamilton lineup as needed. Despite the continued absence of middies Dave Alchus '04, Nick Sarro-Waite '03 and Jay Shapiro '05, Hamilton's midfield should be able to wear down the less skilled Vassar unit.

Despite this, there can be no doubt that the Continentals are in for a war. In the UCAA two-goal victories are rare, so the odds are that every shot on goal will be huge and every battle for possession in the midfield instrumental. To succeed, Hamilton will need all of its talented parts to be perfectly functional and operating flawlessly as a unit.

Historically, Hamilton's teams have performed especially well come playoff time. It will soon be seen whether the team that Nizzi calls "the most talented bunch we've had here" can do the same.